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COMMUNIST TROOPS ON LANTAO ISLAND

Marine police despatched to disarm stragglers

TAIPEH ADMITS LADRONES LOSS

A detachment of Marine Police was despatched to Lantao Island yesterday afternoon to disarm a party of Chinese Communist troops who had landed on the island.

Government building granaries

Three large Government granaries are now being constructed on the waterfront off Chatham Road.

The buildings, each of which has a storage space of 70,000 square feet, are expected to provide ample space for the storage of Government-owned rice.

The buildings are constructed of rocks, concrete and steel, and are one storey in height. Their construction, which was started in early April, is undertaken by Hsin Chong and Company, general contractors.

At present Government-owned rice is stored in privately owned warehouses which will be much relieved when the new buildings are completed in July.

Erected at the estimated cost of \$700,000, the granaries are designed to store 210,000 large bags of rice. It is learned that the Government each month sells 180,000 bags of rice to ration-card holders.

Alleged Reds arrested in Taiwan

Taipei, May 28. The Defence Ministry announced the arrest of 64 alleged Communists, saying that they were arrested for defying a Government order to all persons with Communist affiliations to surrender.

It said that there were now 31 known Communist agents who had not surrendered and warned them that they would be tracked down and severely punished unless they gave themselves up.

The Ministry claimed that altogether 190 Communists had surrendered since the government announced early this month lenient treatment for all Communists doing so. — Associated Press.

AIR FARES TO BE INCREASED

Madrid, May 27. The International Air Transport Association has decided to increase single air fares between London and New York by \$25 effective as from September 30.

This was one of the main decisions reached by the Association's fifth traffic conference which has just ended here.

All fares decided upon are subject to the approval of the Governments concerned.

The new basic air fare between London and New York was fixed at \$375 instead of the present \$350.

Popular winter excursion return fare across the North Atlantic will be about \$500. — Reuters.

THE WEATHER

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The Marine Police were under Mr. R. V. F. Turner, Marine Police Superintendent, and Inspector W. H. Summers, it was learned last night. The Communists, whose number is believed to be about 20, landed on Lantao Island during the past week.

Details concerning the incident last night were scanty and up to midnight the police party had not returned from their mission.

It is believed that the Communists landed on the Tung Chung Wan (Bay) area, on the Northern coast of the island from a junk after their fighting with the Nationalists which took place in Lap Sap Mei and the Ladrone Islands during the past week.

Information of their appearance in British territory was only brought to Hong Kong yesterday afternoon, and the Marine Police immediately started for the island.

What physical condition the Communists were in was not known last night.

It is believed that they will all probably not be brought back here but will be escorted to Chinese territory by the Marine Police.

Red supplies for Ladrone

Communist troops and supplies are being transported to the Ladrone Islands following the capture of the islands by the Reds during the week-end.

One Communist mine-sweeper formerly belonging to the Japanese, one LCT and three other craft were seen yesterday proceeding to Sankok Island from the Pearl River estuary, according to arrivals from that area.

Meanwhile, the "Sing Tao" Man Pao reported that vessels proceeding to Macao from the interior were all seized by the Communist forces yesterday presumably for the purpose of transporting reinforcements and supplies to the Ladrone.

The same report said that Nationalist irregular forces are still holding several small islands of the Ladrone group and that the Communist forces now controlling the main islands are expected to begin mopping-up operations against these Nationalist remnants.

Shipping circles here believed that the Nationalist blockade against the Pearl River estuary is now definitely over.

They pointed out however that a full resumption of shipping service between Hong Kong and Canton has yet to start, and other questions might be involved in the resumption.

The Nationalist vessels seen assembled yesterday near Outer Lingding Island, further South of Lap Sap Mei Island, are not expected to affect the shipping service between Hong Kong and the Pearl River estuary, according to the same source who believed that the Nationalists were only using the island as a base for withdrawal.

KAILAN COAL FOR JAPAN

Tokyo, May 27. A total of 4,500 tons of Kailan coal arrived at the Yawata steel industry centre in Northern Honshu yesterday from Chingwangtao in China, the YMI news agency reported today.

According to the report, the cargo represented the first of eight shipments of 50,000 tons of Kailan coal to be imported by the Japanese.

The last shipment is expected to arrive at Yawata on June 30. The fifth and sixth shipments are expected to arrive in August and September respectively, the report said.

The YMI news agency reported that the coal was shipped from the Kailan mines in the Shanxi province of China.

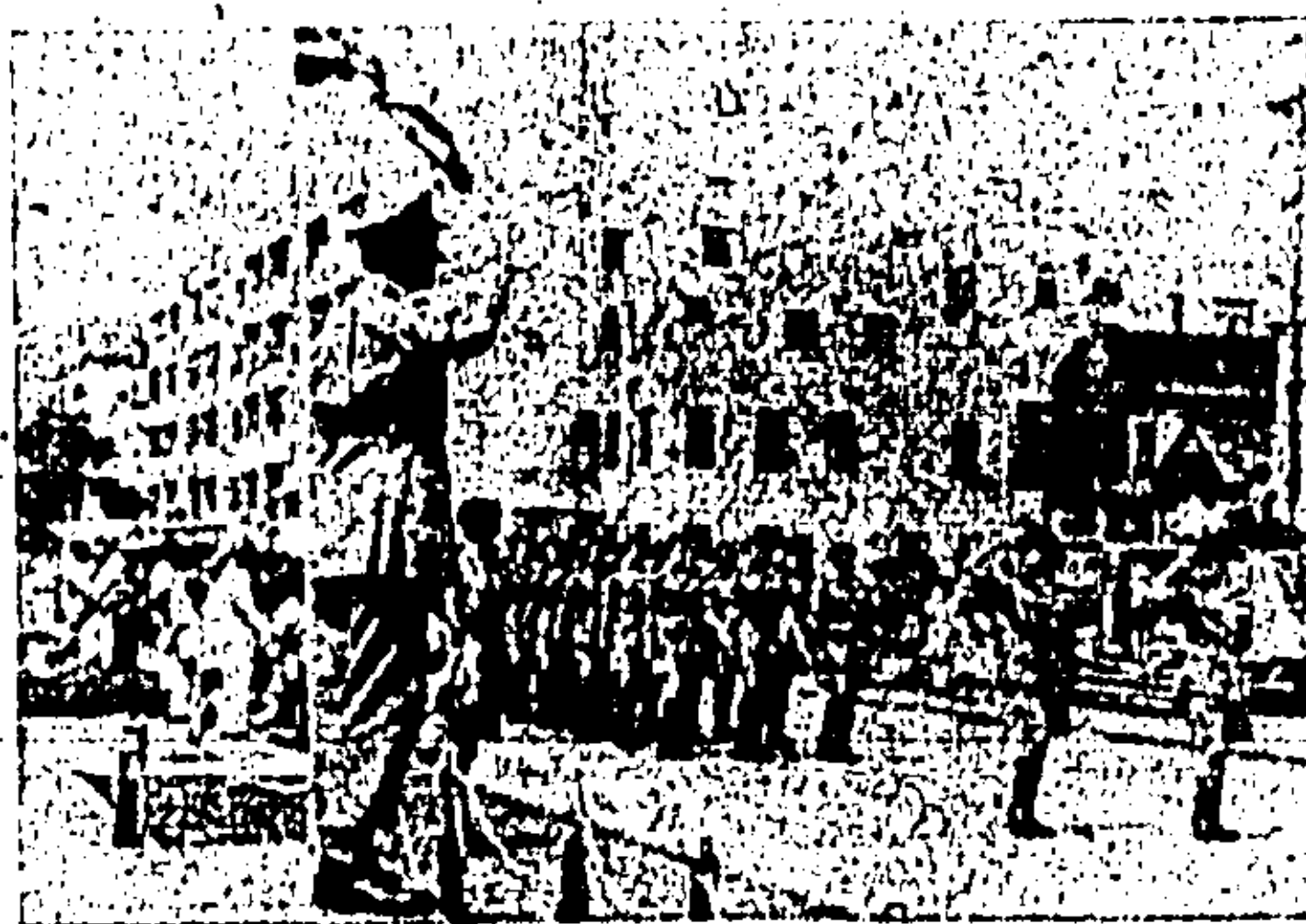
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Royal Artillery parade



Brigadier Nelson taking the salute at the March Past of the Royal Artillery at yesterday's ceremonies commemorating the 234th anniversary of the founding of the Regiment. ("China Mail" photo).

Rain puts damper on Reds' Berlin demonstration

Berlin, May 28.

The long-heralded "march on Berlin", a peaceful parade of 500,000 young Germans, rolled eastward along historic Unter Den Linden today in a driving rainstorm.

Called out by bugles before dawn, the blue-shirted legions of "Free German Youth," assembled in mid-city and began their march towards the Lustgarten Tribunal.

A light drizzle turned into a torrential downpour a half an hour after the march began, soaking the young demonstrators. The temperature was mild, however, and half an hour later, the rain eased off a little.

The boundary between the Russian and Allied sectors was deserted, except for a few British military observers.

The huge demonstration got underway two and a half hours before Communist sirens went to take the Lustgarten microphone and preach hatred of the West and love of the Soviet Union.

Teenagers carried banners assailing "American chewing gum and magazines."

They promised their loyalty to "colonial fighters against Anglo-American imperialism" and described German workers in the Soviet zone as "heroes."

Unter Den Linden, along which the victorious armies of Kaisers and Nazis once goose-stepped, was packed for a mile with the flood of blue shirts.

They converged onto the broad thoroughfare from Friedrichstrasse on the North and the Wilhelmstrasse, site of Adolf Hitler's ruined Chancellery, on the South.

Every available inch of Unter Den Linden was hung with flags of the Soviet East German republic, and posted with huge sketches of Stalin and his leading Communist followers in countries around the world.

All not well in Slovak Communist party ranks

Bratislava, May 27.

The Congress of the Slovak Communist Party was brought to an end in Bratislava today with the election of the Presidium of the Party's Central Committee.

Dr. Vladimir Clementis, former Foreign Minister, appeared before the Congress on Thursday to expound on a statement of his views made previously to the Presidium of the Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party which found him guilty of "bourgeois nationalist deviation."

No account of Dr. Clementis' statement before the Slovak Congress has been made public but Ceteka, the official news agency, reported that Dr. Gustav Husak, former Chairman of the local Slovak Government, and Laco Novomesky, former member for education in the local Government, both of whom were dismissed from office for "bourgeois deviationism" made a full confession of their errors to the Congress.

Dr. Husak confessed to "incorrect ideas and practices" in settling relations with the brotherly Czech nation, and said that his mistakes and non-Marxist views had had "the worst consequences."

One of them, he said, had been to visit the influence of the Government in Prague over affairs in Slovakia.

Dr. Novomesky made similar "confessions" and said that he had been "too much influenced by bourgeois nationalist deviationism."

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Purge needed

In a speech delivered at the closing session of the Congress today, Premier Antonin Zapotocky announced that Karol Smulke, Chairman of the Slovak National Council (the Slovak Parliament), in his confession of "bourgeois nationalist deviationism" made to the Congress on Thursday, had not shown that he really and fully understood the whole extent of his deviation.

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No Red threat in Israel

Washington, May 27.

United States officials do not consider Israel a battleground for Communism. Although reports transmitted to this country from Israel indicate that the Communists are stepping up their activities, no evidence has been received that the party is gaining materially in strength or influence.

These reports indicate that the Communists are strongest in Arab centres but it is felt that this adherence does not indicate any real attachment to Communism on the part of the Arabs, but reflects rather their antagonism to Israel.

The future gains of the Communists will be measured in direct proportion to Israel's ability to solve its internal problems. In the opinion of informed sources here, the Communists are not a serious threat to Israel.

The officials noted a sharp note in Communist influence following the decision of the Soviet Union to support internationalisation of Jerusalem. No evidence is available here as to whether the party has made up for the lost ground when Russia announced an about-face on the issue last month and decided to oppose internationalisation.

Other influences which informed sources here see as hindering the Communist cause in Israel include reports of oppression of Jews in Russia and refusal of Rumania and Hungary to permit some 500,000 Jews within their territories to leave. These were the developments cited this week by the authoritative Foreign Policy Association as reasons for the "hardened" attitude in Israel toward Russia.

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Body of girl swimmer found

The body of a Chinese girl, wearing a red woolen bathing suit and about 16 years old, was found floating in the water off the 1 1/2-mile beach, Castle Peak, at 1 p.m. yesterday.

The body was first noticed by another bather who made a report to the police. It was picked up and rushed to the Kowloon Hospital where it was pronounced dead.

The body was later transferred to the mortuary where it awaited identification.

Arrests in U.S. cheque racket

Manila, May 28.

Four American veterans of the Philippine liberation campaign were arrested tonight as alleged key figures in an international U.S. Treasury cheque racket.

Manila police told the Associated Press that four former GIs, two of whom are married to Filipino girls, were charged with attempted embezzlement through falsification of official documents.

They were identified as Charles Clarence, 40-year-old native of San Francisco; James Hanley, 25, formerly a native of Akron Ohio; Carlos Moore Turner, 25, native of Florida; and Walter E. Mason, 25, formerly of Fayette Wayne, Indiana.

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Russians leave Tokyo

Tokyo, May 28.

Forty-nine members of the Soviet Mission in Tokyo, headed by Lieutenant-General Kuzma Derevyanko, left Yokohama yesterday for Moscow via Vladivostok on board the Soviet trawler, No. 284.

Their departure, it is believed to be a routine rotation.

The trawler, which runs monthly between Japan and Siberia, brought 35 members

Glamorgan batting was as cheerless as the weather

Reminders

Today

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
Union Jack Club, Tombola, 7.30 p.m.
Whist Race Meeting (second day), Happy Valley

Coming events

TOMORROW

HK Rotary Club, screening of film "Colour", Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
Union Jack Club, dancing class, 8.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Billy Tingle's physical class, 8 p.m., Whist Drive, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Tec H meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Women's Section European YMCA, Mahjong Morning, 10 a.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, dancing class, 6 p.m., screening of cartoons, 8 p.m.
Union Jack Club, Whist Drive, 7.30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Y's Men luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club lunch-meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
HK Women's International Club, Whist Drive for Services, 7.30 p.m.
Union Jack Club, Tombola 7.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, HK Band Call, 8.15 p.m.

MCCARTHY KEEPS IT UP

Washington, May 27. Senator Joseph McCarthy today accused Senate investigators of suppressing material which might expose Communists in the Government.

He noted that the Senate Foreign Relations sub-committee released only a part of the testimony of the former Government prosecutor, Robert H. Hittcock, who was questioned on Friday about the 1945 Amerasia case, involving the alleged theft of documents from the State Department.

Mr. McCarthy said the sub-committee's decision to make public only carefully selected portions of Mr. Hittcock's remarks, was an almost unbelievable development in "Operation Whitehouse".

According to the testimony released by the sub-committee, Mr. Hittcock, who handled the case for the Justice Department, denied vigorously that there was any whitewashing. The Government did not have a strong case against any of the six persons involved because some of the evidence was illegally obtained. The FBI entered the offices of the Amerasia magazine without a search warrant, nearly collapsing the whole base right at the outset.—United Press.

Vatican City, May 27. Pope Pius XII today received in private audience, Professor Hamed Zeki Bey, head of the Egyptian delegation to the UNESCO.—United Press.

and this is how GRANT took SHERIDAN!

THE BIGGEST PICK-UP IN ENTERTAINMENT HISTORY!

THE MOST MALE WAR BRIDE

COMING SOON TO THE THEATRE

Cardiff, May 27. Rain brought an early close to the match at Cardiff, where Glamorgan were dismissed for 123 runs by the West Indies cricket tourists before tea.

The tourists had replied with 27 runs for one wicket when rain stopped play for the day.

The Glamorgan batting was as cheerless as the weather, and they were all out in three and three-quarter hours. There was a complete breakdown after lunch, when Glamorgan, in one disastrous spell of 20 minutes, lost four wickets for the addition of only three runs.

Hilary Johnson, the West Indies fast bowler, provided the spearhead of the attack. He bowled with the aid of a strong crosswind and made the ball move away. He took five wickets for 33 runs. The top scorer for Glamorgan was Emrys Davies, with 27 runs.

The sun still evaded the West Indies and there was a chill breeze when Glamorgan, having won the toss, opened briskly. Emrys Davies sweeping Gomez to leg for four in the first over. Johnson looked most dangerous in the tourists' opening attack. Bowling with the help of a strong crosswind, he made the ball move away and, after 17 runs had been scored in half an hour, he got Wooller caught in the gully.

Muslim world not convinced

Karachi, May 27. Afghanistan's campaign for "Pakhtoonistan"—a proposed independent homeland for the tribal Pathans of the North West Frontier Province—has failed to convince the Muslim world that it is anything more than a stunt, said the Karachi "Daily Dawn" today.

The newspaper, which sometimes reflects the official attitude in Pakistan, has carried reports in recent weeks suggesting a state of unrest in Afghanistan. The article today said, "We ask those in authority in Kabul, 'What game and whose game are you playing in this meaningless and uncalculated hostility towards Pakistan?' What interests and whose interests are you serving by pursuing this policy?"

"Surely they do not expect us to take them seriously when they attempt to deny that the Durand Line constitutes the international boundary between Pakistan and Afghanistan?"

The paper went on to say that the Afghans had failed to convince the people of the tribal areas on whose behalf they claimed to speak, and had even failed to convince their own people.

The Afghans did not deny that economic existence in the area in question was dependent on the resources of Pakistan and that they had nothing to offer the people they called the "Pakhtoons".

Dawn concluded, "The people of Pakistan desire nothing better than a firm understanding with Afghanistan."

"The hand of friendly co-operation is extended for the Afghan Government to grasp, and will remain so extended."

"But the Kabul Government will do well to remember the words of our Prime Minister (Liaquat Ali Khan, at present in the United States), that Pakistan will never surrender a single inch of her territory to anyone.—Reuter.

French International Tennis Championships

Paris, May 27. Irving Dorgan of the United States slammed his way into the third round with a victory today over the Belgian star, Philip Washer, in the hardest fought match in the men's singles of the French International Lawn Tennis Championships. The score was 2-6, 6-3, 7-9, 6-4, 6-3.

Three members of the American delegation, Budge Patty, Billy Talbot and Art Larsen, took their second round matches without too much difficulty.

William Landau of Monaco played two sets of steady tennis against Pat, but the American was never in danger, winning 7-5, 7-5, 6-1.

Larsen beat C. Carmona of the Philippines, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 and Talbot downed J. Pallada of Yugoslavia, 6-1, 6-4, 1-6, 6-0.

A. J. Mathis, Billie Jean King, knocked the Czech, reg. rages, Vladimir Cernik, new player, for the first time at the tournament in straight sets, 6-0, 6-0, 6-0.

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Lawn Bowls:

IRC beat HKFC by 24 shots

Two matches in the Lawn Bowls League were played off yesterday, one in the First Division and the other in the Second Division.

In the First Division game, which was played at Happy Valley, Indian Recreation Club, making their initial appearance in the season, beat Hong Kong Football Club on all rinks and by 24 shots.

At King's Park, Filipino Club beat Tai Koo Dock Club by seven shots and on two rinks in a Second Division game.

Two matches in the Open Triples Championship were also played, resulting in victories for trios skippered by W. Hong Sling and J. Silva respectively.

HKFC-IRC

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HKFC	IRC
E. Tuck	M. Razack
G.V. Jamieson	J. Hoosen
N.J. Longington	K.M. Omar
M.N. Rakuzen	U.A. Rumliah
(Skip)	(Skip)
J. Bradley	A.A. Razack
J.T. Gilchrist	S. Yusuf
J.H. O'Grady	A.M. Omar
W.V. Field	A.K. Minu
(Skip)	(Skip)
A.W. Hickey	K.M. Rumliah
B.A. Mansell	A.R. Minu
B.I. Bjorkford	M.B. Hassan
T. Pile	U.M. Omar
(Skip)	(Skip)
Total	Total
50	74

SECOND DIVISION FC-TDC

Entertaining Tai Koo Dock Club in a Second Division Lawn Bowls League match at King's Park yesterday, Filipino Club beat Tai Koo Dock Club by seven shots, the final score being 65-58.

The home team won on two rinks, thus scoring four out of a possible five points.

FC	TDC
A.V. Lee	A. Skelton
Dr. V. Atienza	N. Heaton
F. Rodriguez	A. Bovald
W.J. Howard	J.C. Chalmers
(Skip)	(Skip)
J.J. Delgado	E. Clayton
M. Nunes	W.B. Brown
J.T. Cotton	R.B. Marshall
H.Y. Hsu	S.J. Falcock
(Skip)	(Skip)
L.J. Castilho	W. Baker
T.K. Lim	W. McGill
J.W. Lee	W. McKie
R. Baza	J. Knaplanburgh
(Skip)	(Skip)
Total	Total
65	58

Open Triples

Two matches in the Colony Open Lawn Bowls Triples Championship were played off yesterday at the Kowloon Docks Club and resulted in a tie skippered by W. Hong Sling and W.C. Gley, each taking account of a Club de Recreation title of J.L. Alves, J.A. Victor and D.C. Alves by 37-9.

The winners played very good bowls and deserved their victory. They opened the game by scoring six shots on the first head and by the end of the 8th head were leading 20-0. They won eventually by 37-9.

In another game, on the same green, a Recreio trio of S. Silva, S. Colacao and A.M. Souza beat the Indian Recreation Club trio of S.O. Byr, S.M. Rumliah and A.M. Wahab, 37-9.

The winners took the lead from the first head and won with 12 shots to spare. Souza and Hill men scored two fours, while Wahab's highest count was a three.

CANADIAN GETS ETHIOPIA POST

Addis Ababa, May 27. A Canadian educator has been appointed to head Ethiopia's first higher education institution.

He is Dr. Lucien Matte, former headmaster of Jesuit College, Quebec.

His selection to head Ethiopia's Junior College, now in the final stages of organization, has received the official approval of Emperor Haile Selassie.

Dr. Matte is a great headmaster of Ethiopia's largest school, the Tafari Makonnen Joint Elementary and Secondary School. He was chosen for the Junior College post from among many candidates from Europe and America who are already doing substantial work in Ethiopia.—Associated Press.

12 KILLED IN EXPLOSION

At least 12 persons were killed and many injured in an explosion which occurred in a crowded market place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, today.

The explosion occurred in a narrow alleyway between two buildings. The cause of the explosion is not yet known.

The bodies of the dead have been recovered and are being kept in a mortuary. The injured are being treated in a hospital.

The police are investigating the cause of the explosion.

Baseball:

Giants suffer sixth straight defeat; White Sox whip Indians

New York, May 27. The Philadelphia Phillies gave the floundering New York Giants their sixth straight defeat in the National League today.

The Phillies, who won 8-5, clinched the decision with a six run blast in the third inning that catcher Ardy Semirick featured with a four run homer.

First baseman Stan Musial hit two home runs and brought in four runs to power the St. Louis Cardinals to an easy 9-1 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

Harry Brecheen went all the way for the Cardinals, as they evened the four game series with the Philadelphia Phillies. The Cardinals, after Lou Biele and the Philadelphia Athletics ended the thundering Yankee's nine-game winning streak in the American League.

In the American League double bill at Washington, the Boston Red Sox won two games from the Senators 4-3, 6-2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Philadelphia	3	10	1
New York	5	8	1
Winning pitcher: Curt Simmons, loser Sheldon Jones			
St. Louis	9	12	0
Cincinnati	1	7	1
Winning pitcher: Harry Brecheen, loser Herman Wahler			
Chicago	7	8	1
Pittsburgh	5	9	0
Winning pitcher: Baul Munner, loser Bob Cheames			
Brooklyn	7	11	1
Winning pitcher: Vern Bickford, loser Don Newcombe			

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Chicago	6	12	2
Cleveland	1	8	2
Winning pitcher: Billy Pierce, loser Mike Garcia			
Detroit	8	17	1
St. Louis	6	8	4
Winning pitcher: Ted Gray, loser Joe Ostrowski			
Philadelphia	6	11	0
New York	1	8	1
Winning pitcher: Lou Brissie, loser Allie Reynolds			

Standings

The standings in the major leagues are:

	N	L
Philadelphia	21	12
Brooklyn	21	12
St. Louis	18	14
Boston	17	15
Chicago	15	15
Pittsburgh	16	18
New York	10	18
Cincinnati	9	22
	A	L
New York	23	9
Detroit	19	11
Boston	24	10
Cleveland	18	15
Washington	17	16
Philadelphia	12	22
Chicago	9	23
St. Louis	8	20

GOODRICH MAN'S FORECAST

Albany, May 27. The Chairman and President of the B.F. Goodrich Rubber Company is confident that the United States Government will make more American-manufactured rubber available to American consumers, to offset what he called the present holding back of crude rubber shipments from the East.

The official, Mr. John L. Collier, noted that facilities for making the synthetic rubber were now being restored, adding that his firm was sure more would shortly be recognized.

June production of synthetic rubber will be substantially higher than at any earlier period this year and output in July and August will be even greater, Mr. Collier said.—Reuter.

DEMONSTRATION IN RANGOON

Ten thousand workers demonstrated here today because they were not paid for their May Day holiday.

They charged the Secretariat (seat of Government) shouting slogans against Labour Department officials.—Associated Press.

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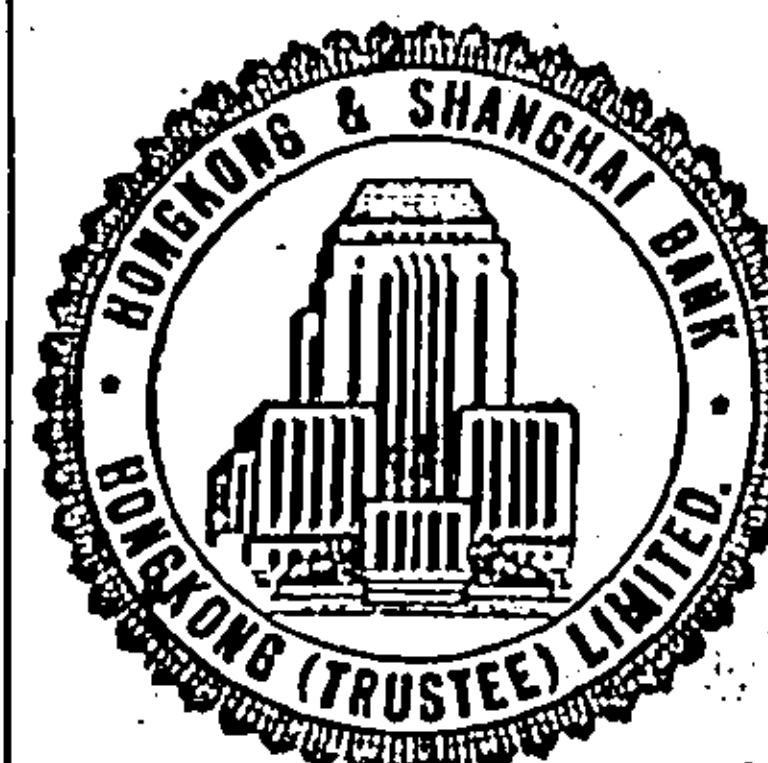
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- 2/ A flower patterned 14 Carat ladies ring.
- 3/ Plain Chinese Gold Ring.
- 4/ Patterned Chinese Gold ring.
- 5/ Parker fountain and pen.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

May 20, 1950.

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of the Companies Ordinance (Re-construction of Records) Ordinance, 1947 and IN THE MATTER of The Chinese Printing and Publishing Company Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the above-named company has lost its Memorandum of Association and the only available copy of the Articles of Association is illegible. It is proposed, therefore, to adopt a new Memorandum and Articles of Association.

A copy of the proposed new Memorandum and Articles of Association may be inspected at the office of the Company at No. 51, Gough Street, ground floor, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, or at the offices of Messrs. F. Zimmern & Co. of Holland House, fourth floor, Queen's Road Central, Victoria aforesaid the Solicitors for the Company, at any time during office hours.

Any person who objects to such new Memorandum and Articles of Association, should file the objection with the Registrar of Companies, Supreme Court, Hong Kong with the address for service within the Colony, of the person objecting thereto not later than the first day of August, 1950.

Dated the 20th day of May, 1950.

F. ZIMMERN & CO., Solicitors for The Chinese Printing and Publishing Company, Limited.

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IN THE MATTER of the Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance, 1947, and IN THE MATTER of The Sui Wa Company, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the above-named Company has lost its Register of Members and that application has been made under sec. 12 of Ordinance No. 40 of 1947 as amended by Ordinance No. 24 of 1948 to re-construct its Register of Members.

The Statutory Declaration in support and the exhibits thereto can be inspected on payment of \$1.00 in the office of the Registrar of Companies, Supreme Court Hong Kong at anytime during Office hours.

All persons who claim to be entitled to be registered as the shareholders of the Company should notify the Company or Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist of No. 2, Queen's Road Central, Victoria aforesaid. Solicitors for the Company of their full names and addresses, their claim and the evidence upon which it is based within 3 months from the expiration of the calendar week in which the first advertisement in the China Mail appears.

Dated the 22nd day of May, 1950.

WILKINSON & GRIST, Solicitors, for The Sui Wa Company Limited.

POLICE NOTICE

1. The following roads will be closed to vehicular traffic until further notice as from 8 a.m. on June 1, 1950.

- Mosque Junction—From Robinson Road to Peel Street.
- Sai Street—From Queen's Road Central to Tai Ping Shan Street.
- Tung Street—From Queen's Road Central to Tai Ping Shan Street.
- Upper Lascar Row—From Ladder Street to Sai Street.
- Hill Road—From Queen's Road West, east side of nullah.
- Peel Street—From Mosque Junction to Hollywood Road, and from Gate Street to Queen's Road Central.

2. Vehicular traffic includes all vehicles, the owners of which have permits to use any of above roads to which entry is already restricted by "NO ENTRY" signs.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

May 25, 1950.

POLICE NOTICE.

It is hereby notified for general information that owing to excavation work being carried out at the junction of Robinson Road and Conduit Road, traffic proceeding West along Conduit Road will return to Robinson Road via Kowloon Road. As from 8.00 hours on Wednesday the May 31, 1950 to 8.00 hours on Friday June 2, 1950.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

May 27, 1950.

POLICE NOTICE

It is hereby notified for general information that "NO PARKING" will be allowed in Chater Road between Ice House Street and Murray Road as from 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 27, 1950 to 8 a.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 1950.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

May 26, 1950.

POLICE NOTICE

It is hereby notified for general information that Caroline Road between Tung Lo Wan Road and Sunning Road will be closed to West bound traffic except buses from 08.00 hours on May 27, 1950 until further notice.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

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THWART THAT DANGER YOUR SIDE is in danger of losing a lot of points whenever the opponents have bid in confident and constructive style into a game or slam contract. Thwarting that hazard is the most important business at hand. It is far more important than trying to increase your own side's score for defeating the contract which seemingly could not be beaten more than perhaps a trick at the best. That is why fine players have adopted the idea of using a double of such a contract, in a lam or a No Trump game, by the partner of the opening leader, as a director of the lead.

S North
H Q 10 8 6 5 2
T 7 2
C Q 10 0 0 6 5
S 10 8 6
4
H 7 4 3
D 8 7 6
C 8 3 2

(Dealer: East. Neither side vulnerable.)

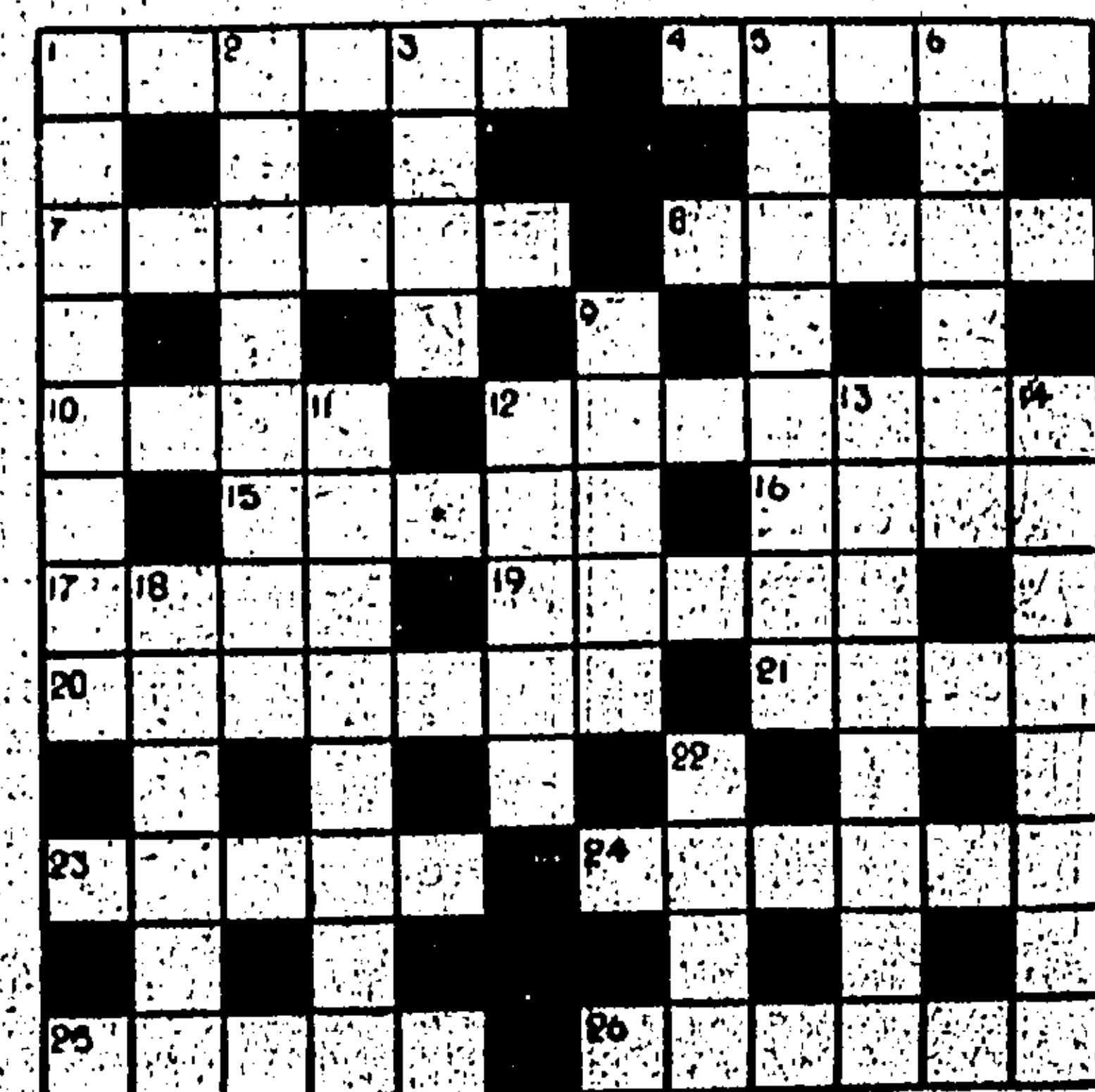
There was no question in West's mind as to the meaning of East's double in normal circumstances. As they were using it the double called for a lead of the first suit bid by the dummy, in this case hearts. But the conditions were unusual, he felt. His partner had bid the spades three times, showing at least a six-card suit, and so

might wish the natural lead of a spade, expecting to ruin the contract. West therefore opened his fourth-best spade 4, and the beans were spilled. East won with the A, returned the 7 to the J and then suffered having his diamond A knocked out of his hand. Hoping against hope that West could regain the lead somehow, he led back his spade 5 to the K, whereupon South proceeded to run the rest of the tricks for two extras. East could have prevented the extras with his diamond honours when in the lead but all chance for beating the contract ended when West failed to lead a heart. If a pair is using the lead-directing double, it should be more mandatory than ever for West to lead a heart when such bidding had been done by East. Without the double, West would have led a spade without quibbling, when the suit had been bid three times. A heart lead would have beaten this contract at once.

Tomorrow's Problem
S 7 5 2
H A 9 6 2
D A 8 5
C Q J 9
S A K 9
H 8 4 3
D K 8 7 4
C 10 8 3

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)
What pretty play enables South to make his 5-Diamonds against leads of the spade K and A?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 1 Collision.
- 4 Tally.
- 7 Spirit.
- 8 Seat.
- 10 Narrative.
- 12 Small bed-room.
- 15 Corner.
- 16 Peaceful.
- 17 Clift.
- 19 Farewell.
- 20 Utmost.
- 21 Agitate.
- 23 Right.
- 24 Rebound.
- 25 Without motion.
- 20 Turning point.

Down

- 1 Undeveloped.
- 2 Recruit.
- 3 Prison room.
- 5 Cracks.
- 6 Remember.
- 9 Kind of leather.
- 11 Low storage.
- 12 Vice.
- 13 Prudent.
- 14 Precious stones.
- 18 Specialist.
- between first and ground floors.

Saturday's Crossword

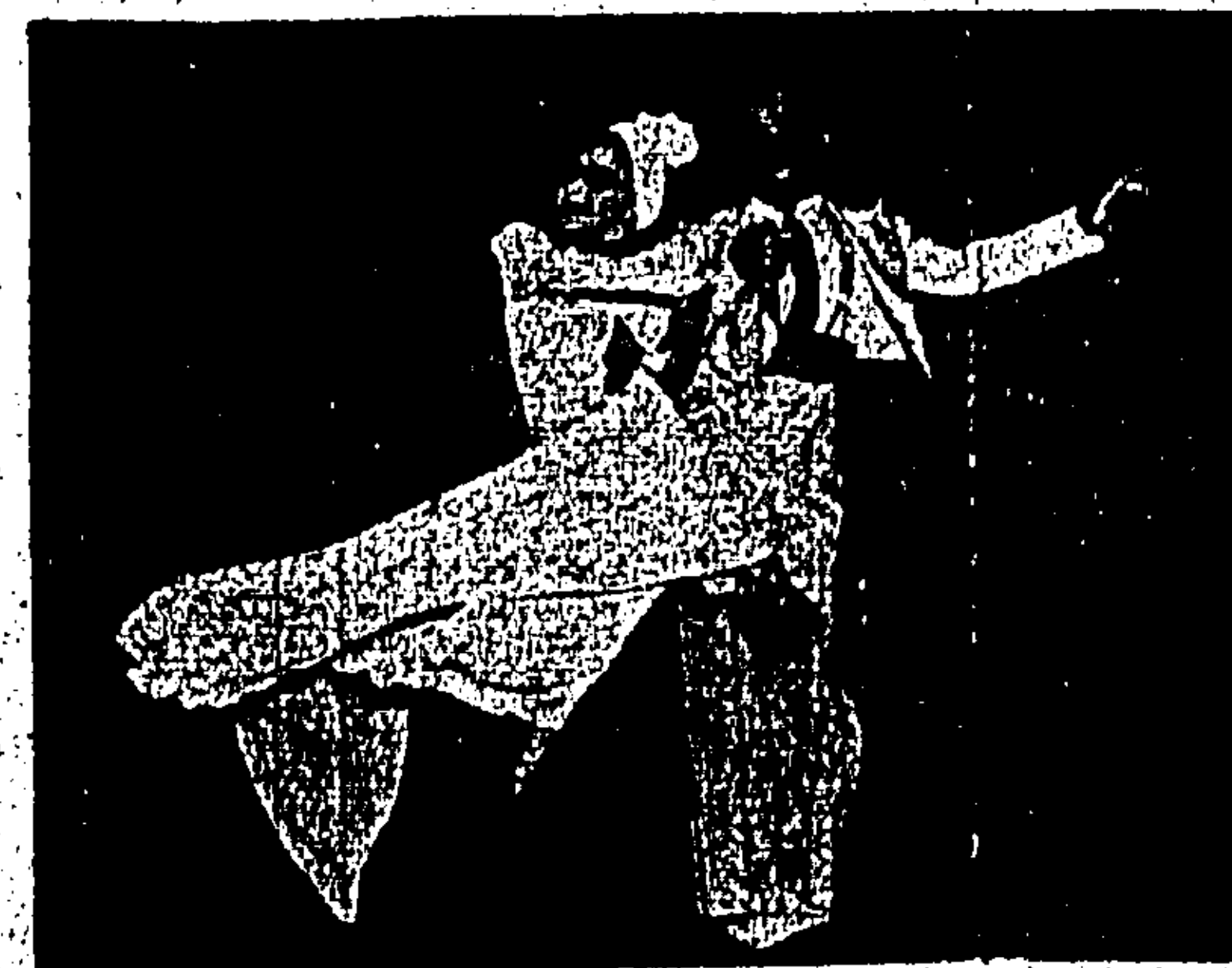
ACROSS: 1 Impulse, 2 Income, 3 Marauder, 4 Conquest, 5 Plus, 6 Issue, 7 Road, 8 Decade, 9 Assume, 10 Brandy.

DOWN: 1 Pitch, 2 Seal, 3 Independence, 4 Road, 5 Load, 6 Cuddle, 7 Thrill, 8 Parole, 9 Enact, 10 Expose, 11 Abandon, 12 Account, 13 Vague, 14 Stagnant, 15 Road.

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London, May 27.

A taxi drew up smartly in front of Parliament one night some weeks ago. The man who jumped out tripped and fell, with one leg doubled up under him. Although obviously in pain, he insisted on being helped into the House of Commons to take part in a critical vote. Then he went to a hospital to have his broken leg set.

NEW CLUE IN MURDER MYSTERY

New York, May 27.
The tabloid "Daily News" said today in a copyright story that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had discovered a major clue in the murder of Betty Renner, an attractive Washington lawyer.

New evidence linking her death with a prominent figure in the murder of Sir Harry Oakes, eccentric British millionaire, was being investigated by the FBI and the State Department. Results are expected soon, the paper added.

Miss Renner, aged 37, a former Department of Justice lawyer, was strangled and beaten to death while on holiday in the Bahamas in April.

The paper said new evidence indicated that Miss Renner had discovered previously undisclosed evidence in the Oakes case and added, "She was known to have met a man who was associated with Sir Harry Oakes and who was a witness in the de Marigny trial."

The de Marigny reference was to Count Alfred de Marigny, who was acquitted of murdering Sir Harry Oakes, his father-in-law.

Sir Harry Oakes was found dead in the Bahamas in the summer of 1942. A sensational trial followed. Count de Marigny's wife, the former Nancy Oakes, stood by her husband during the trial but won an annulment of the marriage in New York in November last year.

At Nassau on Monday, Nicholas Musgrove, a native of Turks Island, was charged with blackmail and extortion with threats of violence against Lady Nancy Oakes, Sir Harry's widow. On Wednesday it was alleged that he had demanded US\$20,000 and £40,000.—Associated Press.

LARRY ADLER'S LIBEL SUIT

Hartford, Connecticut, May 27.
The jury failed to agree today in the US\$200,000 libel suit brought by Larry Adler, the famous mouth organist, and Paul Draper, the entertainer, against Mrs. Hester McCullough, a Greenwich housewife.

The jury of eight women and four men, unable to reach a verdict after 11 hours of deliberation, was discharged.

Adler and Draper allege that Mrs. McCullough libelled them when she accused them of pro-Communist activities.—Associated Press.

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A few nights later two ambulances rolled into the Commons yard and their two occupants were carried into the chamber on stretchers to ballot on a controversial measure.

All three were Socialist members of Parliament. Their devotion to duty symbolises the work of a man relatively unknown outside of British official circles—Willie the Whip.

"Willie" is the Rt. Hon. William Whiteley, aged 68, Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury—a job that carries with it the sometimes onerous duties of Chief Government Whip.

This silver-haired, ruddy-faced former coal miner is one of the most important cogs in the delicately-balanced machinery of the Labour Government. It is his job to see that the Government does not fall through negligence.

Mr. Whiteley is, in effect, the part-time master of the Socialist MPs. He can—and he often does—direct their daily lives when Parliament is in session.

Like schoolboys

He can haul them on the carpet like schoolboys for being absent or tardy.

On occasion he even dictates the activities of Cabinet Ministers. Mr. Whiteley draws his power from the fact that the Socialists hold a majority of only six seats in the 95-member House.

That means that whenever an important piece of legislation comes before Commons the Government leaders can feel the hot breath of the opposition Conservatives on their necks.

If the Government should be defeated on an issue it regards as critical, the Prime Minister, Clement Attlee, following custom, would probably ask King George to dissolve Parliament. That would force a new national election.

Early election?

Most political observers in Britain agree that an early election is inevitable, probably in the autumn. But the Government hopes to set the balloting for a time of its own choosing.

So Willie keeps his whip poised. And any Labourite who ignores it does so at the peril of his good party standing.

Actually, there is no such title as Whip in British law. It draws its name from the printed schedule listing the day's business in Commons.

Whenever important legislation is pending and record vote seems likely, Mr. Whiteley has the printer underline the measure three times. That is known as a three-line whip—an imperative summons—and a member who is absent when the vote is called faces a dressing-down from the chief and possibly even expulsion from the party.

Mr. Whiteley is a member of Parliament for Blaydon, in North East England. He draws £3,000 a year extra as Chief Government Whip. And he considers he earns every penny of it.

"I like my job extremely well, even though it is a quite difficult situation," he told an interviewer. "It was different in the last House (1945-1950), when we had a majority of nearly 200. It gave me more room to work."

"Fortunately, there is not the press of important legislation now that there was then. The last House worked harder than any other in British Parliamentary history, I believe."

Main worries

Mr. Whiteley's main worries are sickness and accidents. Official duties of the Cabinet Members are also a headache.

WHO MEETING COMES TO END

Geneva, May 27.
The third annual assembly of the World Health Organisation closed today after three weeks of mainly technical discussion on the organisation's future programme.

The assembly was attended by delegates from some 50 nations, who decided to give top priority for the first time to WHO's worldwide campaigns against the so-called "pestilential diseases."

These included plague, cholera, typhus, smallpox and yellow fever. They previously received only secondary attention from WHO, whose main attack has been concentrated on malaria, venereal and seasonal influenza, tuberculosis. The campaigns against the "pestilential" diseases are to receive additional funds totalling more than US\$1,000,000,000 during 1951, while the attack on other major diseases is to continue unchanged.—Associated Press.

Astronomers excited by new asteroid

Johannesburg, May 27.
The discovery of a new asteroid, said to be the first of major significance to astronomers since 1930, was announced here tonight by Mr. E. L. Johnson, of Union Observatory.

The asteroid—a small, fast moving body close to the Earth and travelling towards the South celestial pole—was first observed by Mr. Johnson on May 22.

Astronomers from other countries, including the United States and Denmark, have sent urgent cables asking for further information.

The body is reported to be of the 12th magnitude, but its size cannot be computed until its orbit has been completely traced.

It has been observed here each night this week and its existence has been confirmed at Pretoria where it was seen through a giant telescope.—Reuter.

CHELSEA HOSPITAL TRAGEDY

London, May 27.
A doctor and a nurse were burned to death today when they were trapped in the blazing operating theatre of a Chelsea chest hospital.

Women knelt in the streets and prayed as nurses and flames carried more than 100 patients to safety.

The fire, which broke out in an X-ray room after an explosion in the basement of the Hampton Hospital, spread rapidly through the ground floor.

Of the 100 patients, many were bedridden tuberculosis victims. Some patients were moved by stretchers and wheel chairs from the section of the four-storey building in which fire raged for half an hour and carried through traffic across a street to another hospital building.

None of the patients was injured, but several were choked by the dense smoke which billowed up above the building.

Police identified one of the dead as Nurse Mary Roberts, whose body was found in the operating theatre.

The second victim, a doctor, has not yet been identified.

About 20 fire engines attended the fire. Smoke poured through the building, penetrating into three wards and an operating room. Cause of the fire and explosion was not immediately determined.—Reuter and Associated Press.

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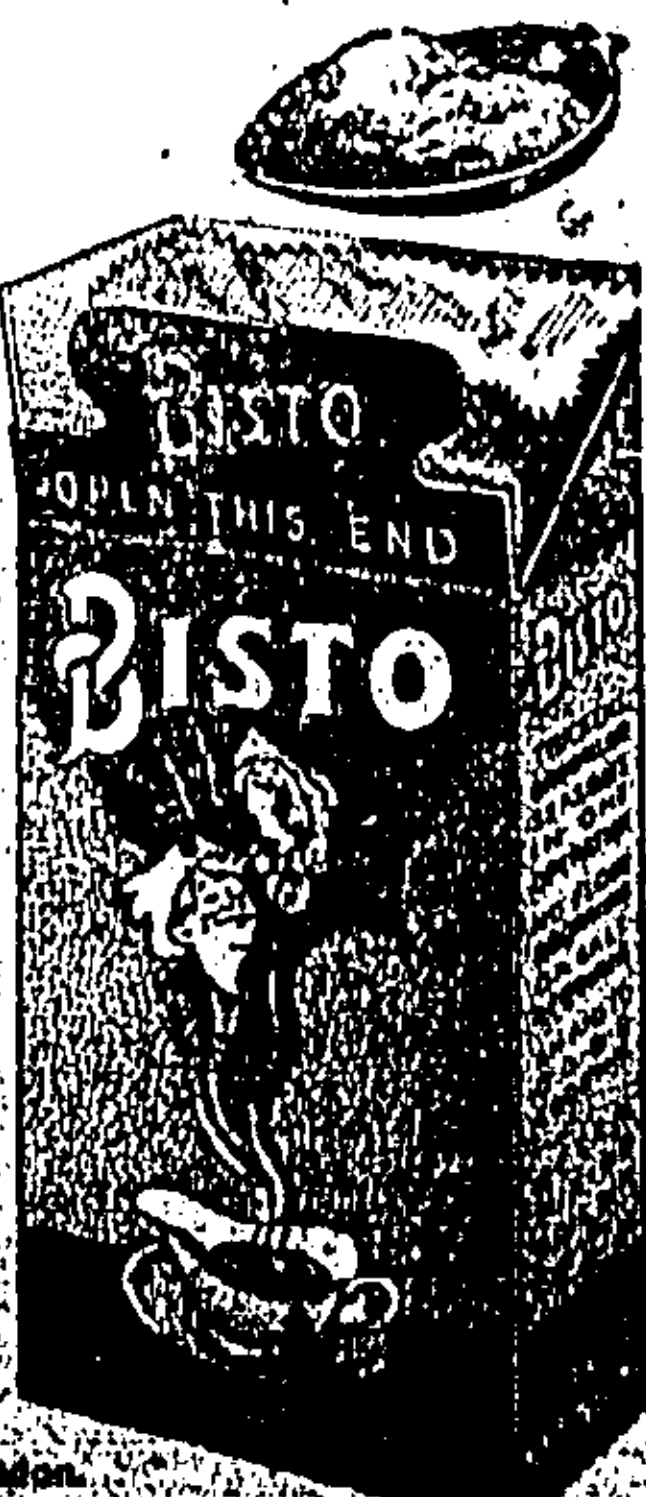
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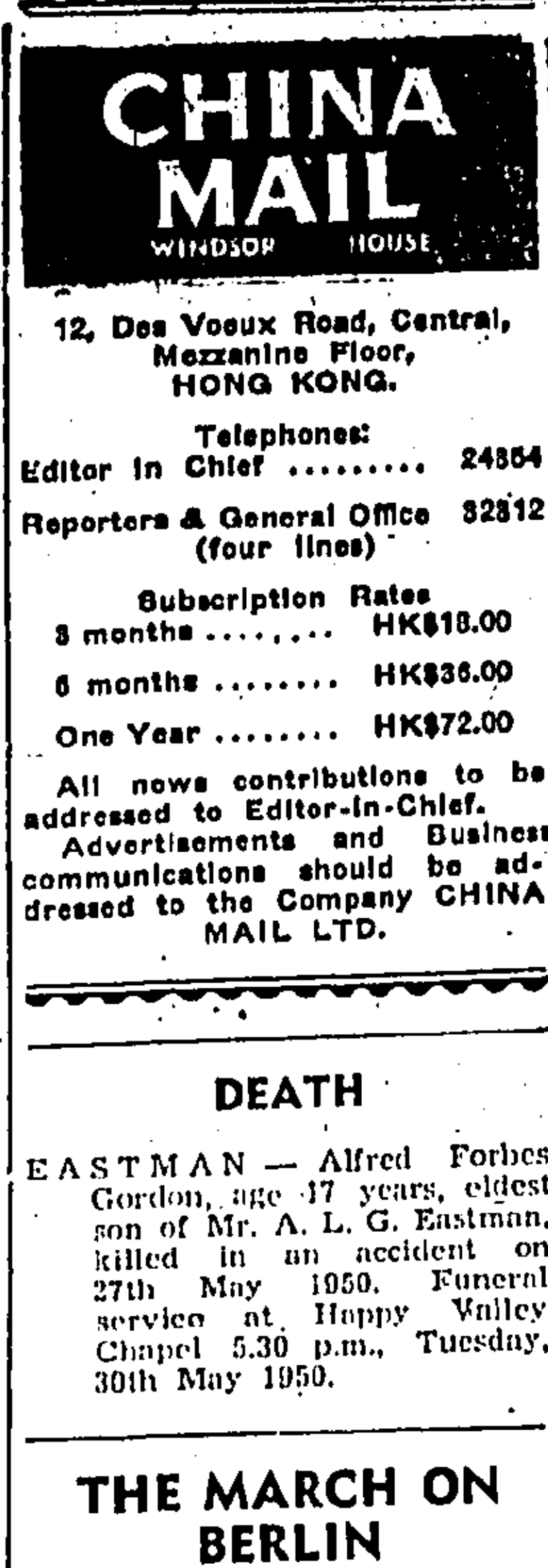
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DEATH

EASTMAN — Alfred Forbes Gordon, age 47 years, eldest son of Mr. A. L. G. Eastman, killed in an accident on 27th May 1950. Funeral service at Happy Valley Chapel 5.30 p.m., Tuesday, 30th May 1950.

THE MARCH ON BERLIN

Some weeks ago the Soviet authorities proclaimed their intention to stage a provocative march on Berlin by half a million German men and youths from the Eastern Zone. It was intended to be something more than a mere demonstration. The Western Allies made it known that if the organisers of this parade were looking for trouble, they would get it. Any "putsch" would be resisted even by armed force if necessary. Declarations to this effect by high Allied officials were followed by formal communiques issued by the British, American, and French Foreign Ministers affirming they would continue to uphold their rights in Berlin and would protect the democratic rights of the inhabitants of the city.

The date selected for the demonstration was yesterday, and two days before it was held there was a climb-down. The Russians and their stooges could not call it off altogether—they had been committed too far. But assurances were given, both direct and through the East German Premier, that the parade would be orderly and peaceful. The Soviet Army authorities also agreed to satisfactory traffic arrangements so as to avoid any infringement on the agreement for free communication with Berlin. A British spokesman expressed his satisfaction, but no chances were taken and a quarter-million German police and Allied troops stood by ready to restore order if any attempt were made to march into the Western sector. There was thus every prospect that the "invasion of agitation" would pass without a crisis.

The new "battle for Germany" is the most vital of all the issues between the West and the Kremlin. From the Berlin blockade and the Allied airlift that was the reply to it, Moscow has been losing ground. Even on the subject of the unity of Germany, the Western Allies have seized the initiative both in political and in industrial spheres. They have now formally proposed to the Soviet Union to join them in achieving the unification of Germany by means successively of free All-German elections, an All-German Constitution, and an All-German Government, after which the four Powers should tackle a peace settlement.

The principles laid down by the Western Allies call for full freedom of movement, freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention, freedom of association and assembly, freedom of speech, Press and radio throughout Germany; freedom of action for all democratic political parties; independence of the German judiciary; prohibition throughout Germany of political secret police and of police formations constituting a military force. The principles also provide for German economic unity, unified currency and customs and the

British seaports--No. 1:

BOATS IN THEIR BLOOD.

By Arthur La Bern

Spring was in the air—and with it the smell of varnish. Swans drifted under the bridge and a premature butterfly flickered across the water like a hesitant snowflake.

Nursemaids wheeled their perambulators along the river's edge. It was the same London River—but the scene was different. For this was Richmond.

A pity that Richmond, Surrey, so rich in history, should take its name from Yorkshire. Even the Lass of Richmond Hill was really a Yorkshire lass.

Richmond was originally called Sheen—because of the silver shine that the Thames used to wear here. It was Henry VII. who decided that Sheen should be called Richmond—because he had been Duke of Richmond before his accession.

Family line

Direct descendants of the watermen of Henry's days were vanishing from the scene as their forefathers had done for centuries past.

Here were the Chitty brothers, oldest family on this part of the Thames, and here was Horace Redknapp, whose forefathers enjoyed salmon-fishing rights on the Thames in the 17th century, possibly earlier.

Here was 74-year-old Arthur Brown, and here was 78-year-old Joe Blight, both busily varnishing their boats after the winter hibernation.

Arthur Brown, sighed as he wielded his brush. "Nothing like the same any more," he said. "Not even the worms. We used to get half worms at 1s. 10d. a thousand. Now they cost a penny each. What's the world coming to?"

He dipped his brush into the golden syrup tin containing the varnish.

"Now, take this varnish," he said. "Before the war, it cost 12s. 6d. a gallon, and right good varnish it was too. Now it's 37s. 6d. a gallon, and not a patch on the old stuff."

Horace Redknapp, who drives down to his boat-house in his Rolls-Royce, agrees that things have never been the same again. "It's the quality that counts," he said. "You don't get quality any more. In the old days people who hired your boats were gentry. Today—well..."

It was here at Richmond that Queen Elizabeth, born by the Thames-side, died—although refusing to go to bed or to eat. Here she spent her last months, propped

up on pillows arranged on the floor of her room.

To Richmond it was that Sir Walter Raleigh brought Edmund Spenser to read his "Faerie Queene" to Elizabeth.

The Chitty family have been watermen to eight Sovereigns of England. There are three Chitty brothers today—Alfred, Robert, and Albert.

Albert, the youngest, carries on the Chitty family tradition of being a Royal Waterman—but it is 20 years since he has worn his scarlet and gold uniform with the white gloves, red socks, and black shoes for a ceremonial occasion on the river.

He wears his uniform only for the Lord Mayor's Show days. He works in the City and is only seen at the riverside at Richmond when his brothers are particularly busy and need a helping hand.

Said eldest brother Alfred: "Our great-grandfather, James Chitty, was Royal Waterman to three Sovereigns—George IV., William IV., and Queen Victoria."

The watermen of Richmond regret the passing of the old days. "Some of the clients you get today think nothing of smashing your boat up," said Alfred Chitty.

"Then they'll swear that the damage was done before they took the boat out."

Shadow fleet

Said Joe Blight: "I can remember when there were between 2,000 and 3,000 boats for hire at Richmond in the summer. Now I don't suppose there are 300."

The watermen of Richmond, with their ancient traditions, feel that some of the pageantry should be brought back to London's first highway, the Thames.

They would like to see the King open the 1951 Festival in the Royal Barge.

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By WILLIAM COURTENAY

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Britain now has a three-year lead over all rivals and competitors in the development of jet airliners. If she exploits this lead she could be supplying airliners to most of the world's airlines. The airline operator has developed confidence in a given type of plane; his passengers have confidence in it, his ground engineers and aircrews are accustomed to the handling, servicing, maintenance and repair. Spares for the air-frame and engines are laid out to an elaborate and costly schedule at all stations on the air routes throughout the world.

For these reasons it would not be easy for British aircraft manufacturers to sell piston-engined airliners to airline operators who have grown accustomed to using American planes with American aero engines.

The coming of the jet airliner changes all this. It means we can start marketing planes without the handicaps and with the advantage of being first in the field with a 500 m.p.h. jet airliner of proved design.

By 1955 all the airlines now in use on the world's major airlines are due to have reached obsolescence. Their prime costs will have been written off in the books in the first five years of their employment.

In that year the great airlines of the world will be seeking replacements for the 250 m.p.h. air-



In case you were puzzled by that "New York" dateline you had, it was just that one of the proofreaders had a bad lead cold.

Pokfulam to be cleared of squatters. The pedigree cattle apparently complained that the huts were lowering the tone of the place.

"A plump Russian girl desired by the U.S. Army as a possible Soviet confusion agent" was here tonight on a charge of possessing improper identity documents. She is booked Regina Rowleskin, 2.

Things will be less confusing as she stops talking but talk.

Once upon a time there were three bears: Dear left, Dear right, and Lady Godiva.

In Washington they're thinking of changing the name to the House of Representatives-tiffs.

"Hong Kong to help prevent smuggling."

After a century, there's nothing like having a change of role.

A famous novelist is said to do his hardest work before breakfast. So do we all—it's called "getting up."

"Police seeking beautiful blonde."

Who isn't?

Gent in Sydney took his car off the road after 281 parking offences. But he had a fine time while it lasted.

Latest in brief bathing suits. Women.

Chap I was reading about has rejoined the Foreign Legion for another five years... to try and forget what he went through the first five years.

At a big party the other evening the fountains were lit up and the orchestra played. Then the orchestra got lit up and the fountains played.

"I live on my wits."

"I thought you looked undernourished."

liners—and will be turning to the jets we can offer them which do twice this speed.

If Britain lays down 500 Comets, she can probably halve the selling cost of each and flood the world's markets with them at the time when the major airlines are seeking new equipment.

By a bold, imaginative move Britain can secure the principal share of the world's air transport—which America was able to secure directly after the war.

Once the world's airlines change over to British jets, all the arguments in favour of remaining as customers will still hold good.

Fireside Echoes--No. 19:

The Japanese arrive

By Wm. M.S. Brand

There were other Club Members in port, it is true, but they were distinctly "stay-at-homes."

Pearson was absent on a tour of inspection of his salt depots on that day. Indeed, he was lost for more than a week.

The Japanese were afraid he was held by guerrillas and sent a search-party out to find him. He thought they were after him. He turned up eventually minus his kit.

It transpired he was held by a rascally band of employees close by the mouth of the Yantow River. He was not with us for long thereafter, being off again up-country this time accompanied by his wife, for good.

When the Japanese Army occupied the Foreign Settlement on this occasion the Foochow Club's stock of "Ewo" beer amounted to two-dozen quarts, the remains of an original order of six-dozen which had been treasured for special occasions over a period of four years. Taking up their headquarters in the old Japanese Club, the Japanese Military Gendarmerie took upon themselves the duties of maintaining law and order and especially the protection of foreign lives and properties.

The officer in charge of this particular section happened to be a Major. Happily this officer understood Mandarin, thus it was possible for either of the Consuls, White or Tribe, to contact him direct as he expressed the wish when he called on both

proper disposition of German industry, with, finally, exercise of Four-Power supervision.

In the past two years Soviet policy in Germany has been steadily losing ground. On the one hand it has been compelled to adopt a policy of severe repression and to arm and equip a thinly disguised "Wehrmacht" to maintain control; on the other, to make futile gestures like the recent announcement of a reduction by half in German reparations payments. Moscow says the demands now amount to only \$3,000 million. In other words, Moscow held that up to that reduction Germany still owed upwards of \$6,000 million out of the total claim of \$10,000 million put forward by Molotov in March, 1947—a claim never agreed to by the Western Powers.

In point of fact, it is known that Soviet Russia has already received reparations from Germany far in excess of \$10,000 million. So Soviet Russia's "concession" simply amounts to the condemning of the East German Government to pay \$200 million annually for 15 years out of current production on account of a Reparations bill which has already been more than acquitted. China hopes to get, as a loan repayable in goods, a mere \$60 millions a year for five years, and even if the Russians are less harsh and grasping than they have consistently shown themselves to be in these matters, the sum is a mere pittance compared with the real needs of China's industrialisation.

Incidentally, the Western Germans are not asked to pay anything out of current production.

diplomatic representatives to outline the general situation.

Expressing the wish to meet the foreign business community it was arranged to hold an informal reception at the Foochow Club to which the heads and aides of each occupational group were invited.

There were General Tajima and Staff, Imperial Army Staff Officer in supreme command, who sent his Aide-de-Camp; the Japanese Admiral at Pagoda An-

chorage, who was represented by the Naval Medical Officer, who spoke German fluently and whom we later found to be in charge of German affairs; the Military Gendarmerie, represented by the aforementioned Major; and the Diplomatic and Intelligence Section of the Japanese Special Service Bureau, represented by a Mr. Terajima, one-time Vice-Consul at Foochow and Amoy, who spoke French and English perfectly.

It was made clear to us through the latter that provided we go about our lawful businesses we had nothing to fear collectively or individually, and if any of us desired to leave the port for Amoy or ports in North China facilities and transport would be laid on in the near future as soon as occupational measures had been completed.

Recreational centre

At the same time it was suggested the Club be made available as an Officers' recreational centre. There was scarcely an alternative but to agree. Thereafter the Major of Gendarmerie called at the Foochow Club punctually every morning at 9 a.m. drank his four quarts of beer, and departed at 9.15.

Then the morning arrived and he learned from the Bar-boy the beer was no more and how the stuff had been treasured for his special benefit, he went to the telephone and apparently got through satisfactorily a very important message, for he returned and asked the Bar-boy to serve him a large brandy & sarsaparilla, remarking that plenty of it would be delivered to the Club that morning with his compliments and that the boy had better put many bottles on ice as he was going to invite many foreign dignitaries at noon.

At the time I was staying in the APC flat above their offices. The adjoining compound held the Japanese School and Club and had just been taken over by a company of horse-drawn artillery under the command of a Major Kondo. There was no foreign representative of the Company in port when this military unit moved in alongside.

The Chinese representative was residing at the Company's installation across the river, together with his family, and had not dared to show his face. Consequently I found myself besieged by the staff members, the majority of whom had moved into the building their baggage and their families together with their servants.

It was while endeavouring to allay their frenzied fears of rape, robbery, questioning, and torture, that a message was received to attend the Foochow Club. There I found the Committee and their wives, foregathered with a party of Japanese officers and learned that the Club had received as a gift a couple of cases of "Asahi" beer and two huge tubs of sake, while each family had received a gift of a case of beer and a sack of rice.

I had all these delivered that morning by special army truck, and there was no refusal per-

mitted. Among the officers present was Major Kondo whose face struck me as being very familiar indeed, except for an enormous mustache with finely waxed ends.

Visions of arrest

That evening there was a commotion at the compound gate. Apparently the watchman was too frightened to open it. I went down and there found two steel-helmeted soldiers with a caped officer in the background wearing white gloves. I had visions of arrest. A pleasant voice in perfect English apologised for the intrusion at such a late hour and requested a conversation, believing I was the only foreigner living on the premises. I asked him up to my flat.

At that moment one of the escort asked a question of the officer, who turned to me, speaking through the door, saying that of the main gates, if there would be objection to the two soldiers beating the bounds of the compound to acquaint themselves with the lay-out at night as the unit had just moved in. I called the watchman to accompany them round. Entering the hall of my flat the officer loosened his cape, unbuckled his belt, doffed his service cap, pinning all together on the hall-table, drew off his gloves, threw them on top, and turned to me with a smile to ask if now, at close quarters, I recognised him; because he knew me very well indeed. And then light dawned.

Bless my soul, he was none other than my father's shoe-maker; had been for years attending our whole family, owner of a small shoe-factory and general store opposite the old Foochow Electric Light Company. It was a muggy evening, so we passed through the drawing-room onto the South verandah. What would he prefer: tea, coffee, whiskey, or brandy. The latter, oh, but it meant my last bottle. The boy went off to fetch the doings and I got out kimono and slippers.

In a trice we were both at home. He dismissed the escort telling them to report back that all was well and he would follow in an hour or two. He told me he had not seen a bottle of brandy in six months, being continually on the move, and that in two or three days he expected to receive a new posting. He took his drink neat, in half-tumblerfuls, and thanks to Miss Hennessy's aid I wormed out of him all the information I required. Even then he hinted Foochow was but a stepping-stone and that it had only been occupied because of a whim on General Tajima's part. Subsequent events proved the truth in what he told me about this and the probability of him going on further South.

However, despite sentries everywhere after dusk, Club life carried on remarkably freely. Contact with friends in the City was possible, but awkward, as in crossing the Long Bridge one had to walk in file past a gendarme officer (usually a sergeant) and bow.

Before the close of the month (April, 1941) General Tajima was replaced by General Hirose Takuma of the Taiwan Command.

No sign of return

During May and June there were still no signs of a return on the part of the Japanese community. The Puppet Government erected in Foochow were not having things go their way at all well. The responsibilities they were asked to bear, they sought to evade by insisting the Bank of Taiwan return to handle all financial matters, especially the military credit notes that had been issued against rice and produce obtained through the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and other organisations.

(To be continued)

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BRITAIN REPLIES TO FRENCH NOTE ON SCHUMAN PLAN

Differences still exist between London, Paris

Paris, May 27.

Britain's reply to Franco's invitation to join negotiations for the setting up of a European coal and steel pool was received at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs this evening.

Although there had not been time to study the British reply fully, a French Foreign Ministry spokesman said that it left the same impression as had the earlier offer made by Mr. Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, to M. Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, and that there still existed a distinct difference between the views of London and Paris.

The spokesman said that the French Government was not in any way asking governments to bind themselves in advance to any agreement.

What it was insisting upon was that acceptance to join the negotiations should mean acceptance to negotiate on the basis of the points put forward by M. Schuman in his original declaration of May 9 and not on some other basis.

The French Government felt in particular that those who came to the conference table must agree in advance to the principle of a common high authority which in the field of coal and steel production would have power of decision overriding that of the governments participating in the pool.

It was felt here that the whole scheme stands or falls by the acceptance of this high authority and that without it the pool would be doomed to the fate of other attempts to unify Europe, which proved abortive because no government was willing to give up a part of its national sovereignty.

The latest British note, believed in London to reaffirm Britain's offer to be present at the opening discussions without being committed to the principle, is thought to emphasise the great British interest in the Schuman Plan.

The French request was delivered on Thursday, the same day that Britain independently sent an offer to sit in on the Franco-German talks on the plan before giving a definite opinion about joining it.

Time to think it over
In diplomatic quarters in London, Britain is not expected to give approval in principle to the plan, though it is realised that this may cause some disappointment in Paris, without further study and without hearing some of the problems thrashed out in international discussion.

But the fact that Britain has not already committed herself to join in the plan and to put British heavy industry under an international high authority, is not thought in London to point to a British wish either to abstain or to modify the plan.

The only definite difference between the French and British standpoint so far is that the British Government wishes for a little more time in which to make a decision.

"The Times" said yesterday in an editorial on the Schuman plan that the British Government were acting promptly and sensibly in informing the French Government that they were ready to take part in any conference on the Schuman plan.

"No more and no less could have been expected," the paper wrote. "The Government clearly cannot commit themselves to approve, let alone to take part in, a scheme which, even after M. Schuman's explanations, remains extremely shadowy, both in its aims and its functions."

Details wanted

"But they have made it plain that they will take part in any discussions with the desire to help and in the hope that Britain will be able to join."

"It is extremely important that the government should attend any conference not as observers or as critics only but with a clear idea of what they should like the authority to become."

Declaring that in fact the idea of the plan itself cannot be properly judged until more is known, "The Times" added: "The British Government will first require to know what is the purpose of the plan, whether it is to be nearer a cartel or a common market, or whether it is to include what will be the powers and functions of the authority and to whom it will be responsible."

"The idea that States might surrender their sovereignty in economic affairs to an international authority for a series of treaties or conventions is a novel one and should not be dismissed for that reason—but clearly it raises questions of great difficulty."

"All that can safely be said at present is that any plan which seems likely to reduce friction between France and Germany, to strengthen the unity of the Western powers and to use their combined resources efficiently should have the support of this country."

Open-minded approach
"No dogmas, either about the desirability of free competition on the one hand or about the necessity of public ownership on the other, should be allowed to prejudice an impartial and open-minded approach."

Asiatic Socialism in a generation

Dagupan, May 27.
The Indonesian chief delegate to the seven-nation conference here predicted today "Asiatic socialism will probably prevail in our part of the world within one generation."

Dr. Achmad Subardjo, Indonesian's general adviser on foreign affairs, said in an exclusive interview: "Basically, Socialism exists among our people. However this socialism is not the same as Moscow socialism. Islam is essentially Socialistic."

Dr. Subardjo added that Christianity is both socialistic and democratic. He said: "We can have true democracy in our country—a democracy in a Socialist society, that is Asiatic and responsive to the needs of our people and which may come within a generation. This Socialism or Communism will be entirely adapted to our own needs, and will not mean the denial of our newly-won freedom."—United Press.

KASHMIR MEDIATOR IN DELHI

New Delhi, May 27.
Sir Owen Dixon, United Nations mediator in the Kashmir dispute, arrived here by air today and is expected to see Pandit Nehru before returning to Karachi.

Earlier today, when he halted in Karachi on his way here, Sir Owen told reporters: "I feel optimistic about bringing my task to a successful conclusion."

Sir Owen said when he reached here: "I am fully alive to the honour that the two nations, India and Pakistan, have paid to me and also the gravity of the task and responsibility which it imposes on me. But the responsibility is not mine only but also rests on those who seek to solve the difficult question."

"It seems to me that there is no reason why it should not be solved with the goodwill of all concerned and I am full of hope."

Sir Owen was received at Delhi's Palam airport by Mr. C. Colman, personal representative of the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. B. Chatterjee, military secretary to President Prasad, and high Indian Government officials.

He said he had spent about three weeks at Lake Success studying the question with which he was concerned and then two or three days in London.

"The time was most usefully occupied but the main part of my preparation for work must be on this sub-continent," he added.

He had not yet made any definite plan but he imagined he would go to Kashmir after visiting Karachi, he said, adding: "That, of course, is dependent upon the advice I receive."

Sir Owen said he had received assurances of co-operation and goodwill of the Governments of India and Pakistan and he felt sure that the Press and people would also give their co-operation and support.

He is staying at Government House as the President's guest.—Reuter.

VIETMINH CLAIM

London, May 27.
The Vietminh People's Army liberated 600 square kilometres of Vietnam territory with a population of 20,000 in the first quarter of this year, according to a New China News Agency message received in London.

In one year zone during the same period, the enemy suffered 150 casualties, the Agency said, quoting an official Vietminh communiqué.

One hundred enemy troops were taken prisoner and about another 100 surrendered, it said. Vietminh forces had captured 200 rifles and destroyed three French planes.—Reuter.

Acheson reports to Truman on talks in London

Washington, May 27.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, returned from Europe today and gave President Truman an impromptu confidential report on his strategy talks with leaders of the Western world.

The Secretary, who landed in New York from the liner Britannic this morning and flew immediately to Washington, was met at the airport by President Truman and a crowd of about 200 Government officials and diplomats.

The President shook Mr. Acheson's hand, gave him a big smile of welcome and congratulated him on his successful conference. Then they went into the President's limousine along with the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. James Webb, and drove to a Potomac River dock where Mr. Truman boarded the Presidential yacht, Williamsburg, for an overnight cruise. Mr. Acheson and Mr. Webb went on to their homes.

The White House Press Secretary, Charles Ross, told reporters that during the short ride, Mr. Acheson gave the President a quick filling in on the conference in Europe with the Big Three and North Atlantic Pact officials.

Mr. Acheson and the President will confer again on Monday, when the State Secretary will make a full report on the top level strategy talks in London and Paris.

Mr. Acheson said in a prepared general statement on the London meetings: "We are strong materially and spiritually and are gaining in military strength. We shall continue to maintain that progress and that unity."

Optimism on Indo-China

In answer to questions, Mr. Acheson made these points:

1. He is optimistic that aid to the Bao-Dai regime in Indo-China will keep that area from succumbing to Communism.

2. He is hopeful that Yugoslavia and Italy may be able to reach an agreement on the Trieste problem.

3. He does not think that there will be a break in the relations between the United States and Czechoslovakia or Rumania as a result of the recent tightening of restrictions on diplomatic representatives.

4. The German question was discussed fully with representatives of all small countries of the Atlantic pact.

Mr. Acheson refused to comment on reports that the Big Three Western Powers had decided in London to do nothing to facilitate the entry of the Chinese Communists into the United Nations, or on the British Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin's, call for admission of the Peking regime.

Mr. Acheson said in his statement: "I am encouraged by the progress made in the North Atlantic treaty organisation and talks I have had with the Foreign Ministers in London. We have confidence born of our strength and common resolve."—United Press.

ATTLEE HOLIDAY IN FRANCE

London, May 27.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, and his wife left England today to spend the Whitsuntide holiday privately in France.

With Mrs. Attlee at the wheel of their new car, they will motor in the Loire Valley. They took the day ferry from Newhaven to Dieppe.

The Prime Minister received formal permission from the King to leave the country. He expects to return on June 4. Mr. Herbert Morrison will deputise for him in his absence.

Mr. Attlee last spent a holiday in France in 1913.—Associated Press.

Motorists have a field day

London, May 27.

Cars in thousands, with their first supplies of de-rated petrol, streamed today along Britain's Whitsun holiday highways.

It was the first week-end in 11 years that Britain's motorists could storm the petrol pumps and fill their tanks.

And the drivers employed by the big oil companies were expected to work all through the holidays to keep up filling station supplies.

The most important results of Britain's first day off the petrol ration was that fewer people travelled by train and more than 1,000 cancelled petrol-free holidays on the Continent.

The Derby at Epsom, Britain's premier horse-race, was the centre of attraction for motorists in the London area. An Automobile Association patrolman reported by midday that 2,800 cars an hour were passing through Epsom town.

Britain's seaside resorts were not overcrowded because of grey skies and occasional showers. Break-down patrols reported the busiest day for years.—Reuter.

MP MURDERED

Tehran, May 27.

Ahmed Delghian, a Parliamentary Deputy from Azerbaijan and editor of the influential weekly newspaper "Tehran Mossavar", died in hospital tonight after being shot near his office today by an unknown assassin.

An arrest has been made. Delghian was a prominent anti-Communist journalist whose newspaper is known to be very close to the Imperial Court.—Associated Press.

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French reinforce the Paracels

Saigon, May 27.

The small French garrison on the Paracel islands, 240 miles off the coast of Central Vietnam, has been reinforced this week by a company of Vietnamese troops, according to an official Vietnamese source.

Despatches from Hue, near the East coast of Indo-China, said the troops raised the flag of Vietnam on the previously uninhabited islets.

The French maintain a meteorological station on Crescent Island, to which the Chinese Government has laid claim. Since Chinese Nationalist troops recently evacuated the Northern Paracels, Chinese Communist armed junks have been reported cruising in the area. But so far they have not attempted to land troops.

American military aid for Indo-China would enable a Vietnamese national army of 25 battalions to be built up in seven months, according to reliable Vietnamese military circles.

The source stated that battalion cadres already were in process of formation and expansion, depending on the output of the officers' schools at Dalat and Hanoi, and the supply of French non-commissioned officer-instructors.

It is believed that a partial general mobilisation will be considered in the near future when sufficient weapons and instructors are available.

The Communist-controlled Vietminh radio last night reported that "dialectical and historical materialism" indoctrination would feature prominently on the agenda of the Vietminh judicial congress now meeting in the Vietminh zone in the North, where the broad-

cast added, a general offensive is being prepared.

The Free Cambodian (insurgent group allied to the Vietminh) clandestine radio last night declared that the group has decided to recognise any treaty to which the King of Cambodia and France were signatories.—Reuter.

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9.00—"Roberto Inglez and His Orch."
9.15—"Vocal Gems from Popular Light
Operas."
9.45—"Andre Kostelanetz and His Orch."
10.30—"Jazz Classics."
10.35—"Stringtime with Gerald"—With
Lawrence Ryder and Gerald with
the String Choir. (G.H.B.)
11.00—"A Morning Concert."
P.M.
12.00—"Popular Variety."
12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Program-
me Summary.
12.45—"Red, Health and Life Music."
1.15—"Heather Mixture"—A Variety
Programme from Scotland.
(H.K.T.)
1.15—"News, Weather Report and An-
nouncements."
1.25—"Interlude."
1.35—"Time for Music"—The BBC Mid-
land Orch. (H.K.T.)
2.00—"Glee Club" (H.K.T.)
2.30—"Post Western and His Orch."
2.45—"A Holiday in Hawaii."
3.00—"British Concert"—Hall-Liverpool
Philharmonic Orch. Conducted
and Presented by Sir Malcolm
Sargent. (H.K.T.)
4.00—"Variety Handicap"—From the
Kilburn Empire, London. (H.K.T.)
4.30—"Albert Sandler and His Orch."
with Olive Groves (Soprano).
6.00—"Special Feature for the Children—
"Rumpelstiltskin"—Based on
Grimm's Fairy Story and Other
Stories. (H.K.T.)
6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Program-
me Summary.
6.02—"London Studio Melodies"—The Ma-
hestrino Orch. (H.K.T.)
6.30—"Portuguese Half Hour" (Studio)
7.00—"The Richard Tauber Programme"
with Richard Tauber. The
Melchiorini Orch. (H.K.T.)
7.30—"Off the Record"—Presented by
Ronnie Gillman. (Studio)
8.00—"World News and News Analysis."
(London Relay)
8.15—"I Like What I Like"—Presented
by Tom Hill. (Studio)
8.45—"Radio Quiz"—"Talks on Film"—
(Studio)
9.00—"From the Editor's Desk" (London
Relay)
9.10—"Weather Report."
9.15—"Concerto"—Tchaikovsky's Piano
Concerto No. 1 in E Flat Minor.
Op. 23, Vladimir Horowitz (Piano)
with Arturo Toscanini and the NBC
Symphony Orchestra.
9.45—"Glorious Yarns"—A Dramatized
Programme on the Work of Scot-
land Yard. (H.K.T.)
10.15—"Latin American Music."
10.30—"At the Ballet."
10.45—"Dance to Vaughan Monroe and
His Orch."
11.00—"Radio News Reel" (London Relay)
11.15—"Goodnight Music."
11.45—"God Save the King."
11.50—"Close Down."

PAKISTAN OFFER TO INDIA

New Delhi, May 27.
Pakistan has offered to India to
take all the Hindus who left Sind
and Karachi since February 1 last
as a result of riots.
This was in response to the In-
dian Government's gesture per-
mitting the return of Muslims
who went to Pakistan this year
as a result of communal
clashes in the Northern States.
Both Governments will bear
the cost of transporting the re-
turning refugees—expected to
number 5,000 either way—and re-
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WASHINGTON INTERESTED IN THE BAGUIO MEETING

Washington, May 27.

Government officials are watching with great in-
terest the developments at the South East
Asian conference being held at Baguio in the
Philippines.
Gratification is felt at the apparent progress the
seven participating nations are making toward
a permanent regional organisation.

Although reports from the
closed meeting in Baguio have
not given details of the con-
ference discussions, officials
saw the proposal by the Phi-
lippine Foreign Minister, Car-
los P. Romulo, for a permanent
security organisation against
aggression in the Orient as
an event of great significance.

Brigadier-General Romulo made
the proposal on May 20 to dele-
gates of the Philippines, Aus-
tralia, India, Pakistan, Ceylon,
Indonesia and Thailand.

Most informed sources here
preferred to withhold detailed
comment on the conference until
the meetings are completed and
studied. However, it was
clear that they regarded the pro-
posed organisation in the light of
a large economic and political
picture in the Far East and
viewed it as a very welcome
corollary to the plan for econo-
mic aid to South East Asia an-
nounced last week by the Bri-
tish Commonwealth Conference
at Sydney, and to the United
States economic and military aid
programme for countries most
endangered by Communism in
South East Asia.

United States officials con-
cerned with the Far East policy
have been impressed by the
statute which the United Nations
General Assembly President,
General Romulo, as chairman,
has given the conferences.

Importance of Far East

His public statements in
Baguio show he has brought to
the conference realization both
of the importance to the world
of Far Eastern problems and
of the need for stability in
that area in the interests of
world peace.

Meanwhile, other sources here
said the United States interest in
the success of the Baguio con-
ference can be seen in past
policy statements by the Sec-
retary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson.

They cited his testimony in the
Congress on February 21, in
which he said the United States
regards the efforts for unity
among Far Eastern countries
with encouragement and sym-
pathy as most desirable and em-
phasised that, "we would wel-
come such moves."

The United States was pleased
by the Baguio meetings as an
example of self-help which has
been the basis for all United
States foreign aid programmes.
The effort is also in line with the
policy favouring regional agree-
ment under the United Nations
for which the United States has

campaigned since the drafting of
the United Nations Charter in
San Francisco and which the
United States has implemented
both through the Rio pact for
Latin-America and through the
North Atlantic treaty.

Emphasis on rehabilitation

Officials would not comment
on the non-participation of Na-
tionalist China and South Korea.
However, in noting that their
absence was based on the ex-
clusion of consideration of a
military alliance by the con-
ference, other sources again re-
ferred to a comment by Mr.
Acheson in a speech on January
12.

He said "there are problems
which are not capable of a so-
lution through military means."
These problems arise out of
susceptibility of many areas and
many countries in the Pacific
area to subversion and penetra-
tion. That cannot be stopped by
military means."

Although the United States
considers that military aid to
such vital areas as Indo-China is
of great importance, the major
emphasis in any long term pro-
gramme for South East Asia
must be economic rehabilitation
through technical assistance and
material aid to raise the stan-
dards of living.

It is hoped here that the Bag-
uio conference will result in a
co-operative instrument to im-
petus to such rehabilitation.—
United Press.

ART THIEF GETS GAOL TERM

Kiel, May 27.
Horst Stark, a German refugee
art student, was found guilty to-
day of stealing 1,190 works of
art from museums and private
collections in the Russian zone
of Germany.
Stark, aged 24, was sentenced
to two years imprisonment and
a 20,000 Deutsche Mark fine by
a German court.

The court said that never be-
fore in German history had one
person stolen so many art pieces.
The value of his loot has been
estimated at 135,000 Marks.
His greatest coup came in
1948 when, after two years'
thieving, he plundered the mu-
seum at Schwerin of hundreds of
drawings, the court said.—Asso-
ciated Press.

BRITISH HELP FOR WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, May 27.

The British strato-cruiser,
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of relief supplies for the Red
River Flood victims, touched
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9.00—Morning Music.
9.30—Monday's Favourite Classics.
10.30—Morning Melody.
P.M.
12.00—H.K. Stock Exchange.
12.10—H.K. School Broadcast.
12.32—Lland Call.
1.00—Piano.
1.15—News.
1.30—Orchestral Concert.
2.00—Afternoon Musical.
4.00—Today's Choice.
4.15—Slim Bryant and His Wildcats.
4.30—Vocally Yours.
5.00—Music Making.
6.15—Harmony Hall.
6.30—Children's Corner.
6.45—Radio Headlines.
6.50—The Jump! Jacks.
6.55—Do You Remember?
7.00—Terry and Grace.
7.15—Candlelight and Silver.
8.00—H.K. News.
8.10—Lent News.
8.15—Sammy Kaye's Orchestra.
8.30—Allen Roth's Symphony of Melody.
9.00—The Stars Sing.
9.15—"Time Out with Allan Prescott".
9.30—"The King's Theatre Q&A Program-
me."
10.00—H.K. News.
10.10—Local News.
10.15—Giles and Sadler.
10.30—Make Believe Ballroom.
11.00—Music of Manhattan.
11.30—A Date with Dreamland.
12.00—Close Down.

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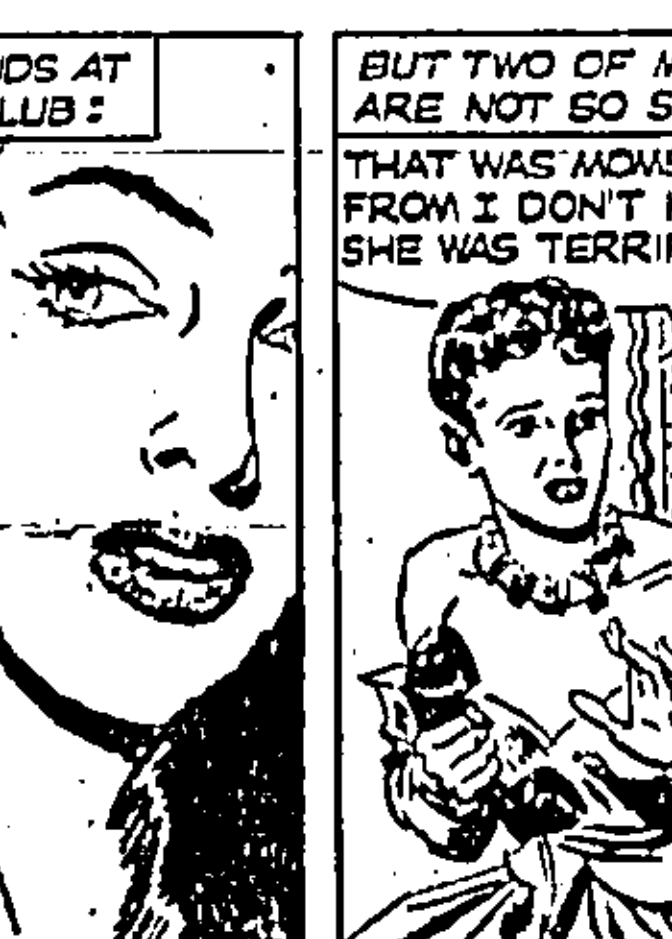
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China Coast navigation will be given the highest degree of safety with the application of a new system of "pin point" control, perfected during the war and by far the most accurate yet devised.

Well-informed veterans of the China Coast route assert that the Mainland would be the ideal site for the adoption of this Decca navigation system, now in vogue in many parts of the world.

The system requires a chain of land stations to maintain "pin point" accurate control of movements of ships which keep contact by this method.

Navigators can fix their positions with certainty to within 800 yards and from close range to within 50 yards by using this system.

Each chain comprises a "master" station and three "slave" posts. Each post will be located at 100 miles apart and will automatically send out a different low-frequency signal.

Ships will be equipped with necessary apparatus which will pick up the signals sent from the posts on respective dials which have each a specified colour. Readings on these dials will be transferred to a special chart of the area. The intersecting lines of these three readings will indicate the position of the ship.

Since all three lines must intersect at the same position, the navigator is able to double-check on his position and ascertain the accuracy of the record.

The Decca system—one of four such systems utilised for marine and aerial navigation after the war—has been installed since the war to cover the whole of the United Kingdom area and most of the Baltic Sea. Hundreds of ships are using the system.

The system was originally used in conjunction with sea-air operations in the invasion of the Continent. It was perfected after the war and released for private use.

Soon to undergo complete overhauling and repairs to her super-structure, which suffered extensive damage when she was bombed by two Nationalist aircraft in Kowloon Harbour in February this year, is the motor-vessel Wen Hsing.

The 383 gross-ton river-ship is owned by the Overseas Navigation Company and chartered to the China Star Shipping Company of Hong Kong.

Built by the Kiangnan Dockyards in Shanghai in 1934, she was originally meant to be a cargo vessel and was used in this capacity by the Chinese Maritime Customs until July 1946, when she was bought by her present owners.

In 1948 she was converted into a passenger vessel and made her maiden voyage as such on September 20, 1948. She was placed on the Hong Kong-Kowloon-Sam Pau run and this run was maintained until that fateful day of February 5, while she lay at anchor in the Customs Harbour, Lantau, Anchorage at Puk Koi in the Port of Kowloon. At 4.15 p.m. that day two Nationalist planes flew over her and one of them released a 500-pound H.E. bomb which just missed the vessel.

However, the mv Wen Hsing was not so lucky when the next day at 10.15 a.m. another bomb was dropped: all of them hitting some part of the ship. Luckily no one was injured but the broke out and several hours later, after attempts had been made to put out the fires, the ship sank.

Salvaging operations under the charge of Mr. F. W. Win, yard; Ship Engineer, began less than two weeks later and after the vessel was raised, she was towed to Macao on February 21.

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U.S. HITS BACK AT CZECHS

Prague, May 27. The United States today asked Czechoslovakia to close within two weeks her last remaining Consulate in America—the Consulate-General in New York, including the office of the Czechoslovak Commercial Counsellor.

The demand was made in a one-page note delivered by the United States Ambassador, Mr. Ellis O. Briggs, to the Czechoslovak Foreign Ministry at noon.

The note also announced that at the demand of the Czechoslovak Government the United States Government was drastically cutting the size of its mission in Czechoslovakia and closing its Consulate-General in Bratislava, the Slovak capital.

Today's action, was the latest move in what has become known here as "the war of the Embassies," which began on April 23.

In a series of moves since then, both Czechoslovakia and the United States have ordered each other to cut consular and diplomatic representation in the respective countries.

On May 23, the Prague Government asked the United States to reduce her mission in Czechoslovakia to a total of 12 Americans and seven Czechoslovak employees.

Today's note said the United States Government had decided to reduce its official representation to conform with the conditions arbitrarily imposed by the Ministry's note of May 23.

"It is clear," the note said, "that the Czechoslovak Government has belied its stated intention of promoting peaceful relations among nations and has made clear that it is no longer interested in maintaining normal diplomatic relations with the United States."—Reuter.

ADVENTURERS STEAL STEAMER

London, May 27. Two young Frenchmen, with an urge to see England were reported today to have stolen a small coastal paddle steamer from a fishing hamlet in France and to have set sail across the Channel.

Coast-guards, police and ships on both sides of the Channel were alerted to keep a watch for the vessel.—Reuter.

NEW SHIP FOR DE LA RAMA

The Dona Aurora, a familiar one to Hong Kong shipping circles, is to be replaced by a new ship, the Dona Ramon, which will be launched in the near future. It will be something new—she is the latest acquisition of the De La Rama Line, launched last month in Japan.

When completed she will be 100 tons of cargo space, 100 tons of passengers, and will be a fast ship, in the class of a motor ship, in the class of a motor ship.

The Dona Aurora is the third vessel to be named thus by De La Rama. The first vessel was built in Trieste, Italy, in 1940, but was sunk by German submarines in 1942 off the coast of Brazil.

Shortly after the war, the Philippine shipping firm bought a fleet of coasters from the U.S. Maritime Commission; one of them was named Dona Aurora.

The second Dona Aurora had made several calls here and had drawn considerable attention among the waterfront community by her sleek streamlined "cut". She was recently sold to a Dutch shipping organisation and has been re-named Cuzco.

The latest Dona Aurora is the second vessel to be launched at the Nagasaki Shipyard for De La Rama. The first was the Dona Aurora, launched early this year. Both vessels fly the Philippine flag.

The manager of one of the largest Chinese shipping firms in the Colony, the Ming Sung Industrial Company, Hong Kong, Limited, comes from Chungking, Szechuan.

He is Yang Chen-chih, who arrived in the Colony only last year from Chungking to take over the management of the Company. Although he is 44 years of age, he is much younger in appearance and in outlook on the world.

Although the province of Szechuan has no great expanse of water, Mr. Yang took an early interest in "life upon the water" and worked as travelling shipping manager on river vessels plying between Chungking and nearby towns.

When he was 28, Mr. Yang was transferred to a desk job with the Yang Hua Rapid Steamship Company, much to his sorrow. However he took it all in his stride and adapting himself to the situation soon became a director of the Company.

Mr. Yang Chen-chih obtained his early schooling at the Friends High School in Chungking and later graduated from the Nanking University. As a student he was fond of sports, taking particular interest in football. However, as he grew older he became intrigued with lessons learnt from books and changed into an earnest scholar.

Yang takes a deep interest in world affairs not only from a business point of view, but also because of his great hopes for a better world to live in.

The present state of affairs in China is not conducive to his peace of mind and he earnestly hopes that the civil war will cease and China can rise to take her rightful place among the nations of the world.

Mr. Yang finds great interest in the people of the Colony. He says that, although the people themselves are the same, the world over, yet the daily arrivals of ocean going vessels bring in new faces and new ideas.

"This is a far cry from Chungking," Mr. Yang added. "There one sees the same faces the whole year round."

As he has always worked on river-shipping routes, Mr. Yang admits he knows little or nothing about ocean-going vessels but is willing to learn.

Mr. Yang is proud of his company's fleet of nine aluminium ships, which were built in Canada and destined for the Yangtze River.

They are the first vessels of their kind in the world with aluminium hulls and double bottoms which makes for durability and speed because of the lightness of the vessels.

In conclusion Mr. Yang said that although the present China trade was almost at a standstill because of the hostilities, as soon as the war ceases, and no matter who gains control of China, the rich resources of China will be brought into play and trade will increase to the benefit of the whole world.

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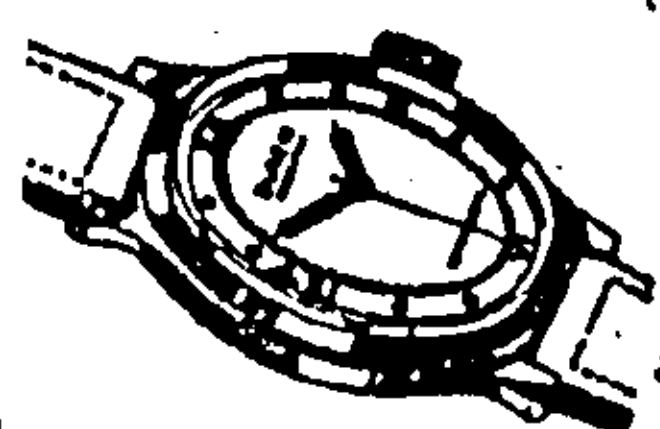
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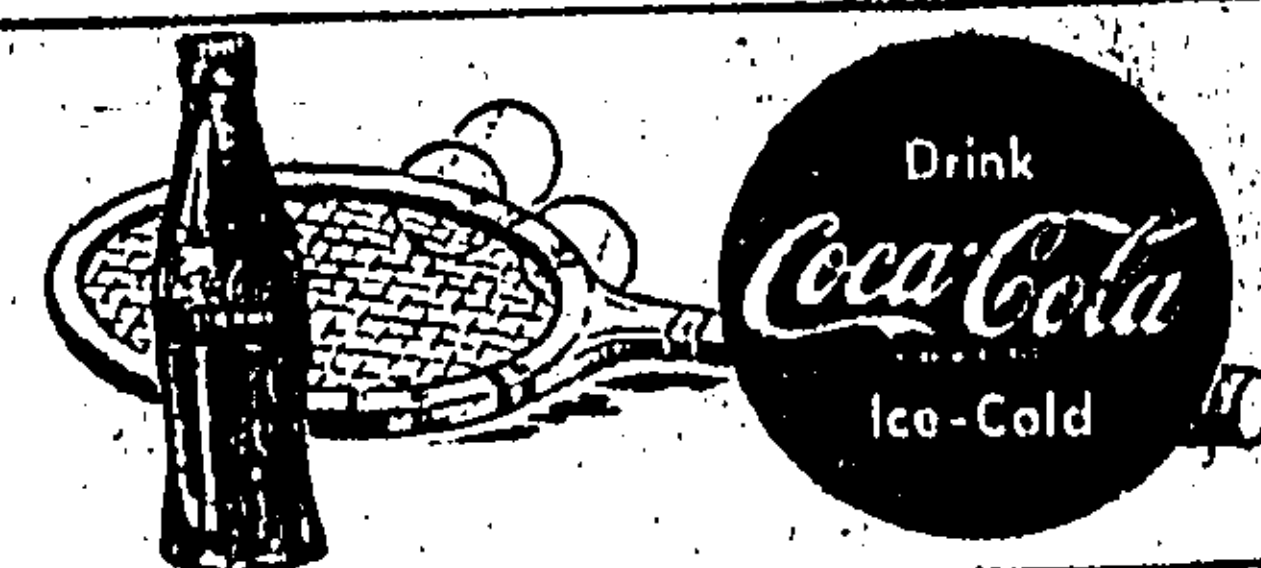
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Whitsun Race Meeting, 2nd day:

WHITSUN PLATE MAIN EVENT ON TODAY'S PROGRAMME

By "RAPIER"

The second day of the Whitsun Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will be continued today and, with the weather remaining fine at the moment, there are indications that the last day of the first half of the racing season will again draw a large holiday crowd.

There are 12 events on the programme, the most important of which is the Whitsun Plate, a handicap for Australian Ponies of 1950 classified Class 1.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. with the first race starting at noon.

The 15-min interval will follow the running of the fourth race, and the first bell after this will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

Race No. 1—Manchester Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

The curtain-raiser today will be a race confined to Australian Ponies of previous seasons classified Class 6, with Novice jockeys as pilots.

Radiotron (Mr. Auchincloss), by virtue of its win in the Rocky Bay Handicap (First Section) over the two mile post for Class 7 ponies at the fifth Race Meeting, will most assuredly receive strong support.

I cannot see any of the entries extending it, as the pony is extremely fit at the moment.

Madame Butterfly (Mr. Mok), however, is in the race. It is expected to radioteer the sternest challenge to Radiotron and it will not surprise many to see it come in first.

Sunkiss (Mr. Chuang), is also dangerous, as it came in second in the Silver Mine Bay Handicap (First Section) over the 1-1/4 miles at the last meeting.

United Victory will be taken out by Mr. Darkin and as the pony has been coming along very nicely during morning gallops, I think it is good enough to extend those named above.

Race No. 2—Cornwall Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

This sprint event is confined to First Section of Australian Ponies of previous seasons classified Class 3.

In spite of its defeat at the last meeting, I fancy the chances of Lana (Mr. S.W. Lee), as this pony is fast over this distance, recently V-J Day (Mr. Holgate), recently defeated from Class 2, will

carry 150 lbs. In view of the opposition and a change in the jockey department, it may have a say here this afternoon.

The Stranger (Mr. Miu), looks dangerous and Minx (Mr. Ostroumoff), may yet spring a surprise as this pony is undoubtedly good.

Lucky Strike (Mr. Shieh), despite its poor showing at the last meeting with Mr. Tuo up, may also have a chance in this race as it has been going well with Mr. Shieh during morning gallops.

Race No. 3—Birmingham Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

In this race for Australian Ponies of previous seasons classified Class 7, it is certainly no easy matter to pick out the winner, though it will probably be one of the following: Kwong Leung (Mr. Shieh), Green Velvet (Mr. Holgate), Abdul Hamid (Mr. Ostroumoff), Kingfisher (Mr. Maitland) and Iron Mask (Mr. Needa).

Kwong Leung, which came third in the Rocky Bay Handicap (First Section) over the two mile post at the last meeting, appeals to me most and I think it will win.

As a result of its fourth placing in the Second Section of the above race, I do not expect Green Velvet to be heavily backed on account of its weight of 152 lbs.

Nevertheless, I believe that it is capable of handling this burden and should win. Abdul Hamid should also be kept in mind.

Kingfisher is not bad and may do better over the shorter distance.

Race No. 4—Norfolk Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

Iron Mask, although improving in its morning gallops, is not likely to cause any worry to the others, as far as the first position is concerned.

Race No. 5—Whitsun Plate: One and a Quarter Miles.

This is the principal event of the day and is a handicap for Australian Ponies of 1950 classified Class 1.

After the second placing in the Hong Kong Derby over one and a half miles at the Easter Meeting, when carrying 150 lbs., Kentucky Lady (Mr. Needa), has been given another 7 lbs. to carry.

Judging from that run, I cannot see anything to beat it.

Prestwood (Mr. Holgate) came in third to Kentucky Lady in the above race and should take second position.

Debutante (Mr. Nootti) and Bambli (Mr. Ph), should fight out the third position.

Race No. 6—Whitsun Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

The second lot of Class 3 Australian Ponies of previous seasons will figure in this event and among the entries, I expect one of the following to be the winner: Pegasus (Mr. Renfrew), Hurricane (Mr. Wong Yan), Harmony (Mr. Maitland), Empress of Peace (Mr. Holgate) and Ascent Leaky (Mr. Miu).

Pegasus, in view of its third placing in the Matautunga Handicap (Second Section) over the mile at the Easter Meeting, has the best recommendation for win here, but it will have to give of its best to beat Hurricane, which is speedy over this distance.

Harmony is also in the race, as this pony came second in the Deep Bay Handicap (First Section) over 1-1/4 miles at the last meeting.

Empress of Peace and Ascent Beauty, were second and third respectively in the above race (Second Section). I think either one of them could win with a flying start, cause an upset.

Race No. 7—Birmingham Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

This race is confined to Second Section of Australian Ponies of previous seasons classified Class 7.

Sans Atout (Mr. Renner), has been allotted top-weight of 150 lbs. for coming in second in the Rocky Bay Handicap (Second Section) over the two mile post at the last meeting.

In view of that performance, I don't think the extra 5 lbs. will ruin his chances of winning.

There is Jackal (Mr. Miu), to be reckoned with as it came second in the above race (First Section).

Flight (Mr. Holgate), is another

it difficult to select the winner on account of the short distance.

First of all, we have Chesterfield to consider.

It will have Mr. Holgate as the pilot. Although unplaced the last time out with Mr. Tenner up, it should stand a good chance of winning, as the distance this afternoon is shorter.

Daisy Bell (Mr. Needa), is also a dangerous contender, being a fast moving animal. It ran well to take fourth position in the Matautunga Handicap over the mile at the Easter Meeting with Mr. Shu up.

Mr. K.F. Chiu has the choice of either Lucky Starter or Cooper, have been given to understand that the former will be his mount.

As it was the Clear Water Bay Handicap (First Section) over this distance for Class 2 ponies at the last meeting in the good time of 1.17, a surprise is in store from this combination.

Big Shot (Mr. S.W. Lee) and Golden Drums (Mr. Shieh), are another two fast ponies that can be depended on to give the above-mentioned ponies a good fight to the end if given a good start and an upset from one of them is not impossible.

Race No. 8—Chester Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

Australian Ponies of previous seasons classified Class 2 will contest this event.

From the entries, the following should be worth watching: Beekenhof (Mr. Kwok), Chief Pilot (Mr. Holgate), Liberty Ship (Mr. Renner), and Rose Emma (Mr. Ostroumoff).

Beekenhof, which won the Clear Water Bay Handicap (Second Section) over six furlongs at the last meeting carrying 141 lbs. appears the logical choice.

Can it still, however, win whilst carrying 155 lbs? It ran very convincingly in the above race, so the extra 14 lbs. weight should not spoil its chances of winning again.

The danger will probably come from Chief Pilot. This pony has been specially reserved for this meeting after coming third in the Shaukiwan Handicap (Second Section) at the Easter Race Meeting.

As the pony is very fit at the moment, an upset is quite possible.

The above distance is more to Liberty Ship's liking and it should not be ignored, although it failed to win at the last meeting.

Rose Emma is also good for this distance and with only 145 lbs. to handle is a decided menace.

Race No. 9—Whitsun Plate: One and a Quarter Miles.

This is the principal event of the day and is a handicap for Australian Ponies of 1950 classified Class 1.

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Race No. 10—Whitsun Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

The second lot of Class 3 Australian Ponies of previous seasons will figure in this event and among the entries, I expect one of the following to be the winner: Pegasus (Mr. Renfrew), Hurricane (Mr. Wong Yan), Harmony (Mr. Maitland), Empress of Peace (Mr. Holgate) and Ascent Leaky (Mr. Miu).

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Race No. 11—Whitsun Handicap (Third Section): One Mile.

This race is confined to Third Section of Australian Ponies of previous seasons classified Class 8.

Good Bay will, again, be taken out by Mr. K.F. Chiu. It was third in the Second Section of the above race. As it is good over this distance, it has a good chance of creating an upset.

Big Cliff (Mr. Kwok), despite its poor performance the last time out, should not be disregarded, as it is good enough to extend the above ponies.

Rifle (Mr. Thomas), is another pony to bear in mind as an outsider, as it is carrying 137 lbs.

Race No. 12—Whitsun Handicap (Fourth Section): One Mile.

This race is confined to Fourth Section of Australian Ponies of previous seasons classified Class 9.

Strathnamara (Mr. Ostroumoff), was third in the above race and will prove a menace to Hol Pollot.

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Race No. 13—Whitsun Handicap (Fifth Section): One Mile.

This race is confined to Fifth Section of Australian Ponies of previous seasons classified Class 10.

Strathnamara (Mr. Ostroumoff), was third in the above race and will prove a menace to Hol Pollot.

Victorious Portuguese XI



The Portuguese XI which beat England in the final of the International Hockey Tournament by four goals to one at King's Park yesterday. ("China Mail" photo).

International Hockey:

PORTUGAL BEAT ENGLAND 4-1 IN FINAL

For the second year in succession, Portugal won the International Hockey Tournament when they defeated England in the final of this year's competition by four goals to one on the Royal Navy ground at King's Park yesterday.

During the first half of the game, England had most of the play and were leading by one goal to nil less than a minute from half-time, when Portugal obtained the equaliser through G. Gosono.

In the second half, England fell away badly and the Portuguese team scored three goals without reply.

For the winners G. Gosono and Rosa were outstanding. They were always ready to snap up clearances by England's goalies, Rogerson, and make an attempt to score.

"Spiky" Gutierrez made several of his spectacular dashes down the left wing but many of the centres often went across the Dece with none of his team-mates near enough to take advantage of the scoring opportunities presented.

A. A. Remedios Jr. and F. Marques, the remaining two players who made up the Portuguese forward line, were also prominent at times with their stickwork and passing.

Definitely one of the best players on the field, at least in the first half, was Cannon, who played right-back for England. Time and time again he was the only man who stood between the opposing forwards and the goal.

English goal-keeping was almost perfect. Shots which went by him in the initial half were very capably handled by Rogerson, England's goalie.

In the latter half of the game, however, the play of both these players deteriorated.

Assume offensive

From the opening bully-off, England assumed the offensive and penned Portugal in their own half of the field.

Every once in a while, the Portuguese forwards broke away, but their attacks fizzled out before the stalwart defence put up by Webb and Cannon and the excellent goalkeeping of Rogerson.

In the 20th minute, Clark broke away on a solo run and after eluding both Nery and Goncalves scored with a scorching ground shot to put England one goal up.

Portugal tried hard to obtain the equalising goal but were thwarted at all turns by the stubborn English defence.

Once G. Gosono broke through and had gotten the ball past Rogerson, he looked on helplessly, the ball rolled beyond the goal-line, missing the goal by inches.

However, less than a minute from the interval, Gosono made amends. He obtained the ball from a clearance and passed to Remedios, who brought the ball into the Dece and attempted to score. His shot was blocked by Rogerson but Gosono rushed in and netted to equalise the score.

A gruelling time

No doubt heartened by the equaliser, Portugal attacked from the start of the second half and gave the English defence a gruelling time.

Rosa tested Rogerson with hard shots.

Five minutes after the restart Marques scored for Portugal and almost immediately after the resultant bully-off, Rosa "stole" the ball from the English backs and scored to make it 3-1 in favour of Portugal.

At the end of the game, Gosono broke through and after luring Rogerson out of his charge scooped the ball into the vacated goal to make it four-one.

Further play was possible owing to rain today.

At Sheffield: Lancashire 152 for three against Yorkshire (G. Edrich 70 not out). Rain stopped play for the day.

At Leicester: Northamptonshire 155. Leicestershire 22 for no wicket. Rain stopped play for the day.

At Nottingham: Notts 120. Surrey 14 for no wicket. No further play was possible today owing to rain.

At Lords: Middlesex 319 (Thompson 80, C. Oakes 100). Lancashire 80 for no wicket. Sun-Sharp played three and a quarter hours, hitting only four fours in a restrained innings of 84.

Dele Compton, showing no signs of his leg injury, played admirably in help-ing Sharp add 91 runs at one minute for the third wicket.

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"Rapier's" selections for today

Race No. 1—Manchester Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

Outsider: United Victory.

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Race No. 3—Birmingham Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

Outsider: Bitter Sweet.

Race No. 4—Norfolk Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

Outsider: Golden Dragon.

Race No. 5—Chester Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

Outsider: Rose Emma.

Race No. 6—Whitsun Plate: One and a Quarter Miles.

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Race No. 11—Whitsun Handicap (Third Section): One Mile.

Outsider: Rose Emma.

Race No. 12—Whitsun Handicap (Fourth Section): One Mile.

Outsider: Rose Emma.

Race No. 13—Whitsun Handicap (Fifth Section): One Mile.

Outsider: Rose Emma.

Race No. 14—Whitsun Handicap (Sixth Section): One Mile.

Outsider: Rose Emma.

Race No. 15—Whitsun Handicap (Seventh Section): One Mile.

Outsider: Rose Emma.

Race No. 16—Whitsun Handicap (Eighth Section): One Mile.

Outsider: Rose Emma.

Home cricket:

A rare happening in a 'Roses' match

London, May 27.

Batting sides faced dismal conditions and soft pitches in most parts of the country today and later rain restricted play considerably at some matches.

The Yorkshire spin bowlers played their part well early on at Sheffield after their captain, Norman Yardley, had won the toss and put Lancashire in to bat, a rare happening in a "Roses" match.

Three wickets fell for 54 in the first hour and a half, and the spin attack looked like dominating the situation.

Then Edrich and the left-handed Wharton came together and after lunch the bowlers failed to maintain their mastery and the pair took complete command, especially when a drizzling rain handicapped the attackers.

This had the effect of making the pitch easier and the batsmen began to score almost at will.

Eventually, after the partnership had added 98 runs in 80 minutes, rain stopped play. Edrich, then 70, had hit eight fours.

Notts made their lowest total for two seasons when Surrey dismissed them in two and three-quarter hours at Trent Bridge for 120 runs.

The home batsmen struggled from the start against accurate offspin bowling by Jim Laker, well-supported by Alex Hedder.

Reg Simpson, the Notts amateur, was at the wicket two hours for 91 runs, the highest score of the innings.

Puzzled the batsmen

Laker puzzled the batsmen and dismissed Handstaff and Giler with successive deliveries. Surrey batted only 30 minutes before rain brought play to a halt for the day.

Derbyshire found run-getting difficult against Warwickshire in three hours and 35 minutes before rain stopped play.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

WHITSUN RACE MEETING 1950

Saturday, 27th and Monday, 29th May, 1950

The first bell will be rung at 2.00 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.30 p.m. on the 1st Day. On the 2nd Day the first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 noon. The 15-min interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.) on the 2nd Day.

There are 10 races on the 1st Day and 12 races on the 2nd Day (22 in all).

Through tickets at \$44 each may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets at \$2 each in the Special Sweep on the last race of the 2nd Day, as well as tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Kwangtung Handicap scheduled to be run on 7th October, 1950. Special Cash Sweep tickets may be purchased also at the Kowloon Branch Office, No. 382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE
Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting. NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting Ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Room at \$10 per day, including tax, for Ladies or Gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.